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RE: Philips Fetal Scalp Electrode (FSE) SHORTAGE – Update

In follow up to our memo dated December 11, 2020, PHSA Supply Chain has provided an update on progress regarding the Philips Fetal Scalp Electrodes (FSE) shortage.

Philip's update on disruption

- Notice was just received (attached [here](#)) from Philips this morning indicating they are starting to see product again in Canada and seven cases (25 each / case) of electrodes will be shipped to BC next week (ETA to be determined). Five (5) of these cases are part of a rapid request process to get them into BC so flow is not yet back to normal but it is a good sign we are once again going to see product.

Health Canada Special Access Request for the Rocket Medical Electrode

- An initial shipment has arrived at the Langley warehouse.
- Educational material is nearing completion for sharing with the provincial group.
- Lower Mainland Biomedical has agreed to perform bench testing on the electrodes prior to any implementation. This will hopefully be completed next week.
- A provincial meeting will be called to discuss roll-out strategy, if required, dependent on the volume of electrodes we will be receiving from Philips starting next week.

Sites converting to Cardinal FSE

- Vernon Jubilee (IHA) will be converting to Cardinal electrodes due to the limited number of Philips electrodes currently available.

Status of Cardinal Stock

- BC continues to receive historic allocations of Cardinal electrodes.

We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available. Please contact Perinatal Services BC at psbc@phsa.ca if you have any questions.