

Date: March 6th, 2018

To: Members of the Zone Emergency Blood Management Committees,
Hospital Clinical & Administrative Leads, and Blood bank staff across the province

From: Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee

RE: **UPDATE: DISCONTINUED Green Advisory for Group O Rh Negative Red Blood Cells**

This is a notification that the Green Advisory for Group O Rh Negative red blood cells initiated January 12, 2018 has been discontinued, effective March 6th, 2018.

National inventory levels of group O Rh Negative red cells are currently recovering. Canadian Blood Services expects a return to full inventory levels by mid-March. Transfusion services are now in Recovery phase across the province. Hospitals will be gradually returning to normal stocking and ordering practices.

The National and Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee's would like to thank all services for their assistance during this Green Advisory.

The full details of the Alberta Blood Contingency Plan can be found at:
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/alberta-blood-contingency-plan-contingency-plan-for-the-management-of-labile-blood-product-shortages>

For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the following:

- 1) Transfusion Medicine Physician on Call for your zone
- 2) Your Zone's Transfusion Medicine representative to the Provincial TM Network and / or Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee
- 3) The Alberta Hospital Customer Liaison representative from CBS
- 4) Your site's blood bank supervisory staff.

For electronic copy of this memorandum: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/lab/page13609.aspx>