

Date: January 26th, 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: GREEN ADVISORY ACTIVATION FOR GROUP O Rh Negative Red Blood Cells

This advisory is for Group O Rh Negative red blood cells. Please refer to memorandum dated 12 January, 2018.

National inventory levels of group O Rh Negative red cells continue to be suboptimal and the advisory cannot be lifted at this time. Hospitals with significant inventory levels in Alberta will continue to; reduce O Rh negative inventory by at least 10%, closely monitor inventory levels and any requests for red cells, and report inventory levels to CBS on a daily basis.

Despite Canadian Blood Services seeing some increases in collections across Canada over the past week, their national O Rh negative RBC is not yet at a point where the advisory can be removed. This is due to the fact that:

- in many regions demand has not declined.
- donor recruitment campaigns still require time to fully kick-in.

With further hospital support, Canadian Blood Services estimates inventories should begin to return to levels capable of supporting normal ordering patterns and allow removal of the advisory next week.

All hospitals are requested to report their inventories to Canadian Blood Services by 10:00am MST.

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>