



**URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

**To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES**  
**From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee (NEBMC)\***  
**Subject: Recovery Phase**

**National Inventory Advisory**

<b>Date and time of issue</b>	2024-07-10 3:00pm (EDT)
<b>Inventory Availability Phase</b>	<b>RECOVERY PHASE</b>
<b>Product(s)</b>	<b>O-negative red blood cells</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>This is a notice that O-negative red blood cells (RBCs) have transitioned to a Recovery Phase indicating a period of controlled transition to Green Phase inventory levels.</p> <p>While inventory at Canadian Blood Services is recovering, inventory is not yet robust to accommodate a full return to Green Phase. Continued inventory monitoring is essential for a controlled and gradual return to Green Phase. The NEBMC will continue to review the national system inventory and make recommendations regarding the duration of the Recovery Phase.</p>
<b>Impact on hospitals</b>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p>During this Recovery Phase, hospitals' maximum inventory levels can shift to approximately halfway between Green Phase Advisory and Green Phase levels if needed to support a gradual return to normal. If local demand is being sufficiently met at Green Phase Advisory levels without undue workload on staff, it may not be necessary to adjust inventory levels for O-negative RBCs.</p> <p>Hospitals are asked to follow best practices at all times to ensure optimal utilization of O-negative RBCs.</p> <p>For O-negative RBCs, the NEBMC recommends the best practices outlined in the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products statement for the: <a href="#">Utilization and inventory management of Group O RH(D)-negative red cells.</a></p> <p><b>For hospitals that routinely provide daily inventory reporting, they should continue to do so. Those facilities that are performing daily reporting as part of the activation are asked to now transition to reporting of inventory levels for all blood groups of RBCs by 12:00 noon EDT at a minimum every Tuesday and Thursday until further notice. Hospital inventory is to be reported via the following link: <a href="https://myhospital.blood.ca/">https://myhospital.blood.ca/</a>, or in accordance with usual provincial practices (British Columbia and Manitoba).</b></p>

<p><b>For more information</b></p>	<p><b>RECOVERY PHASE: O-negative red blood cells</b></p> <p>The French translation of the advisory will be shared as soon as it becomes available.</p> <p>For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see: <a href="http://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html">http://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html</a>.</p> <p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee</li> <li>2. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee</li> <li>3. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services</li> </ol>	<p><b>PHASE DE RETOUR À LA NORMALE : CONCENTRÉS DE GLOBULES ROUGES O-</b></p> <p>La version française de cet avertissement vous sera communiquée dès qu'elle sera disponible.</p> <p>Pour en savoir plus sur le Plan national de gestion en cas de pénuries de composants sanguins labiles, consultez le site suivant: <a href="http://nacblood.ca/fr/penurie-de-produits-sanguins">nacblood.ca/fr/penurie-de-produits-sanguins</a></p> <p>Pour plus d'informations, veuillez communiquer avec:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. votre représentant(e) au Comité provincial d'urgence pour la gestion du sang;</li> <li>2. votre représentant(e) au comité hospitalier d'urgence pour la gestion du sang;</li> <li>3. votre agent(e) de liaison de la Société canadienne du sang.</li> </ol>
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\*The National Emergency Blood Management Committee is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products, Provincial Territorial Blood Liaison representatives and key Canadian Blood Services personnel. This group will develop recommendations and provide advice to the P/T Ministries of Health, hospitals and regional health authorities, and Canadian Blood Services to support a consistent and coordinated response to critical blood shortages in Canada.

*If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.*