



**URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

**To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES**  
**From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee\***  
**Subject: GREEN PHASE ADVISORY - DISCONTINUED**

**National Inventory SHORTAGE Advisory**

<b>Date and time of issue</b>	2018-03-06 12:00 noon (EDT)
<b>Inventory Availability Phase</b>	<b>GREEN PHASE</b>
<b>Product(s)</b>	Red Blood Cells(RBC): O Rh Negative
<b>Description</b>	<p>Canadian Blood Services has discontinued its national RBC Green Phase Advisory.</p> <p>Canadian Blood Services inventories of RBCs continue to steadily recover. With a continued focus on recovery, they are on track to reach their planned RBC inventory targets by mid-March. We would like to thank hospitals for their assistance during this time.</p>
<b>Impact on hospitals</b>	<p>Canadian Blood Services inventory will now allow a gradual return to normal ordering and stocking practices. Hospitals should slowly adjust their inventory back to optimal levels. <i>Please note that there could be local distribution site and regional stock positions that may require localized and brief reductions to orders as Canadian Blood Services balances national inventories. Inventory balancing activities may take up to 24 hours to execute.</i></p> <p><b><u>Action required:</u></b>  Hospitals are still encouraged to provide inventory levels on a regular basis to Canadian Blood Services/ responsible party per routine process.</p>
<b>For more information</b>	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospital Liaison Specialist, Michele Burns email <a href="mailto:michele.burns@blood.ca">michele.burns@blood.ca</a> Phone 306-347-1633</li> <li>Dr. Ted Alport Phone 306-539-4163</li> </ol>

\*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.

For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see:  
<http://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html>

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