



URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

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

National Inventory SHORTAGE Advisory

Date and time of issue	2016-10-19 10:00AM(EDT)
Inventory Availability Phase	GREEN PHASE
Product(s)	Red Blood Cells(RBC): O Rh Positive, O Rh Negative, A Rh Negative
Description	<p>Canadian Blood Services is currently experiencing lower than ideal RBC inventory for O Rh positive, O Rh negative and A Rh negative blood types. This has resulted in reductions to stock orders for some customers. The drop in inventory is due to a number of factors including: higher recent demand and collections not responding as quickly as expected.</p> <p>Canadian Blood Services has a number of targeted donor recruitment activities underway and collection events planned. Collection plans are being strengthened going forward and therefore it is anticipated that we should see a recovery starting next week.</p>
Impact on hospitals	<p>Until Canadian Blood Services RBC inventories recover, we are asking hospitals to closely monitor and reduce their target inventory of groups O Rh positive, O Rh negative and A Rh negative RBCs by at least 10%. We are NOT asking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hospitals that hold low target inventories to reduce their inventory (e.g. very small hospitals or those that are already in their low Green range) • product to be returned to Canadian Blood Services. <p><i>Please note that there could be local distribution site stock positions that may require further reductions to orders (beyond 10%) as Canadian Blood Services balances national inventories. Inventory balancing activities between regions may take up to 24 hours to execute.</i></p> <p>Action required: All hospitals are to provide inventory levels by Noon EDT each day until Oct 26th. Hospital inventory is to be reported via the Blood Component and Product Disposition system: https://www.blood.ca/en/hospitals/blood-component-and-product-disposition-system <i>For hospital customers within the provinces of British Columbia and Manitoba, please follow your local approved processes for sharing inventory data with Canadian Blood Services.</i></p>
For more information	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services 2. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee 3. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee

*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.