



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: June 27, 2024
Re: **Critical – Group O Rh Positive Red Cell Supply**

Background

The group O Rh Positive red blood cell inventory has reached critically low levels. The daily demand outpaces the summer daily collections and projections. The current group O Rh positive red blood cell supply is at 26% optimal. We will continue to provide updates throughout the summer.

Impact to Clients

- Group O Rh positive red cell orders will be filled proportionally to the daily inventory.
- If an order is needed for imminent transfusion, please communicate the urgency to hospital services for triage.
- Group O Rh positive red cells included in red cell rotation and standing orders could be postponed or cancelled until the supply is deemed stable and will be stocked only at minimal levels.

Client Action Required

- **Reduce Group O Rh Positive** red cell inventory levels to preserve the limited supply for transfusion needs.
- Notify appropriate staff and medical director. Implement a triage process to help manage the critical supply.
- Please cooperate with Carter BloodCare's hospital services team as blood orders are triaged.
- Back orders are cancelled at midnight and must be re-ordered as appropriate.
- Please encourage family, friends and colleagues to donate blood. The following toolkit is available for your use to help drive awareness and blood donations.
[Carter BloodCare Critical Need Toolkit](#).

Questions and Additional Information:

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.