



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations Department  
**Date:** January 07, 2019  
**Re:** Red Cell Inventory

As many of you have experienced, our ability to maintain Rh negative red cell inventory during the latter part of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 has been a challenge.

Decreased collections due to the holiday season and the inability to import continue to deplete the inventory. At this time O positive and all Rh negative red blood cell inventories are at critical levels.

We are doing all we can in terms of recruitment and advertising by going on public appeal to alleviate the shortage. If blood becomes available elsewhere, we will not hesitate to bring it in from whatever source nationwide might have an excess supply.

We can assure you that we are doing everything possible to alleviate shortages and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding during these challenging times.

By working together we can safely sustain operations.