



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** April 24, 2019  
**Re:** Rh Negative Red Cell Inventory

**Overview:**

Maintaining an optimal level of Rh negative red blood cells, particularly Group O Rh negative is a consistent challenge. This blood type is requested on a daily basis at approximately a ten percent rate of all blood types even though the population is only seven percent group O Rh negative. Carter BloodCare strives to effectively recruit group O, B and A Rh negative donors and maximize their collections through the use of apheresis technology. However, when we experience *just* one day of less than ideal donor presentation, the community inventory levels are deficient to fill every request.

**Impact to Clients:**

- Please maintain your Rh negative stock inventory levels at minimal levels for the next ten days. Please include crossmatched units in your stock inventory quantity.
- Please consider releasing Rh negative crossmatched units 24 hours after procedure.
- Please consider crossmatching the same Rh negative unit to multiple patients.

**Client Action Required:**

- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.
- Please cooperate with hospital services as we triage each order for Rh negative red blood cells.

**Questions and Additional Information:**

Please contact [hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org) with any concerns. By working together we can safely sustain operations.