



**Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service
Policy Record**

**Ref: NATP CLIN 09 008 02
Cat: CLINICAL**



**Title:
UNCROSSMATCHED RED CELLS FOR EMERGENCY USE**

Statement:

Within hospitals every attempt is made to supply fully compatibility matched donor cells to patients who require blood transfusion.

When there is no time to perform a crossmatch eg. when a patient suffers massive blood loss due to trauma, aneurysm, child birth etc, blood must be available immediately.

To minimise the risk of incompatibility, red cells of the following group should, where possible be made available to medical teams in Accident and Emergency, Theatre Suites etc.

Group O RhD negative and K negative
(Note: red cells for emergency use are ccddee)

Key Change From Previous Revision:

Minor change to nomenclature. No change to policy
Rh(D) changed to RhD following a change request

Policy Agreement	CGSC: Minor Changes	SMT: N/A
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