



3 URGENT AND EMERGENCY BLOOD TRANSFUSION REQUESTS

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3.3 PMH EMERGENCY O RH D NEGATIVE BLOOD FOR OUT OF HOURS USE

Six O Negative red cell units are available in a specially marked fridge in PMH Blood Bank for use outside normal working hours.

These units are for use in life-threatening emergencies until the KEMH Shift Scientist can provide uncrossmatched group specific or crossmatched blood.

The clinician is responsible for:

- Informing the KEMH Shift Scientist of the emergency
- Ordering an emergency crossmatch
- Sending an urgent pre-transfusion crossmatch sample to the KEMH Blood Bank (unless an in-date sample is already available).

The person removing the blood from the fridge must call the KEMH Shift Scientist who will issue it through the Blood Bank computer system (see section 5.3).