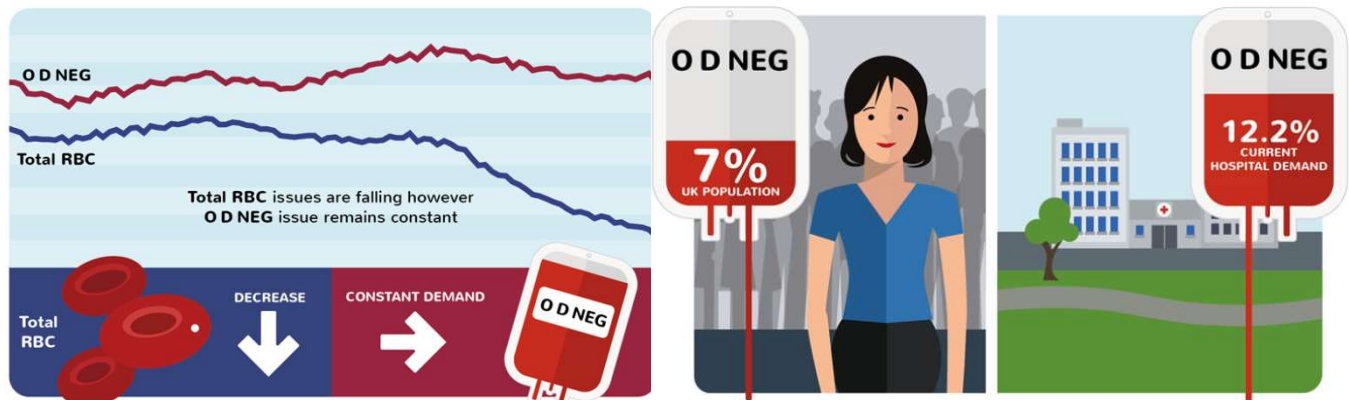


Use of O D POSITIVE blood in Emergencies for Adult Males

Nationally, the total demands for red cell units are falling as numerous blood saving strategies and changes in practice reduce the number of units we transfuse to our patients. However, the demand specifically for O D Negative red cell units, used in emergency situations where the group of the patient is unknown, remains constant. On occasions, demand for emergency O D Negative units is dangerously close to outstripping supply.



All hospitals across the UK are being asked to



in an effort to reduce the demands

For a bleeding **ADULT MALE**, in an extreme emergency, where you don't know your patient's blood group and there is no cross matched blood available

- inform the Porter that you require emergency blood for an **ADULT MALE**
- **instead of receiving emergency O D NEGATIVE blood, you will receive emergency O D POSITIVE blood**
- Continue to use emergency O D NEGATIVE blood for women

WHEN TO USE O D POSITIVE



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