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Ro request substitution examples

Receive request for 8 O Ro units. Only have 4 O Ro available. Supply 4 O Ro + 4 O rr. Not 8 O rr. Only supply a maximum of 2 different blood groups. Unless multiple phenotyped units required.

If request have in the notes section "will accept rr". It is acceptable to supply a mix of Ro & rr.

Receive request for 8 B Ro units. Only have 4 B Ro available. Supply 4 B Ro, if not then supply with 4 O Ro, if not then supply with 4 B rr. Only 2 Blood Groups

Receive request for 8 AB Ro units. Only have 2 AB Ro available. Supply 2 AB Ro, then supply with 6 A Ro, if this does not fulfil the request then make up the short fall with either 6 O Ro or 6 A rr. Only 2 Blood Groups

Please note

NHSBT patient consultants recommend the use of all Ro units before issuing rr substitutions. Hospital Services MUST discuss and agree ALL substitutions with Hospitals using the selection preference below as a guide.

Where possible all suitable Ro stock should be exhausted before rr substitutions.

Check available stock at other sites to determine whether suitable units could be moved between sites to be supplied from local HS department if time is permitted.

Standard Ro Orders must be substituted and not transferring request to other sites.

Do Not Adhoc Units into site

Any further issues should be discussed with a NHSBT patient consultant.

Ro Substitution Matrix for use when B rr stocks are insufficient

Substitutions	O Ro (C-D+E-)	A Ro (C-D+E-)	B Ro (C-D+E-)	AB Ro (C-D+E-)
1st	O rr (C-D-E-)	O Ro (C-D+E-)	O Ro (C-D+E-)	A Ro (C-D+E-)
2nd		A rr (C-D-E-)	O rr (C-D-E-)	O Ro (C-D+E-)
3rd		O rr (C-D-E-)	B rr (C-D-E-)	B Ro (C-D+E-)
4th				A rr (C-D-E-)
5th				AB rr (C-D-E-)
6th				B rr (C-D-E-)
7th				O rr (C-D-E-)

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