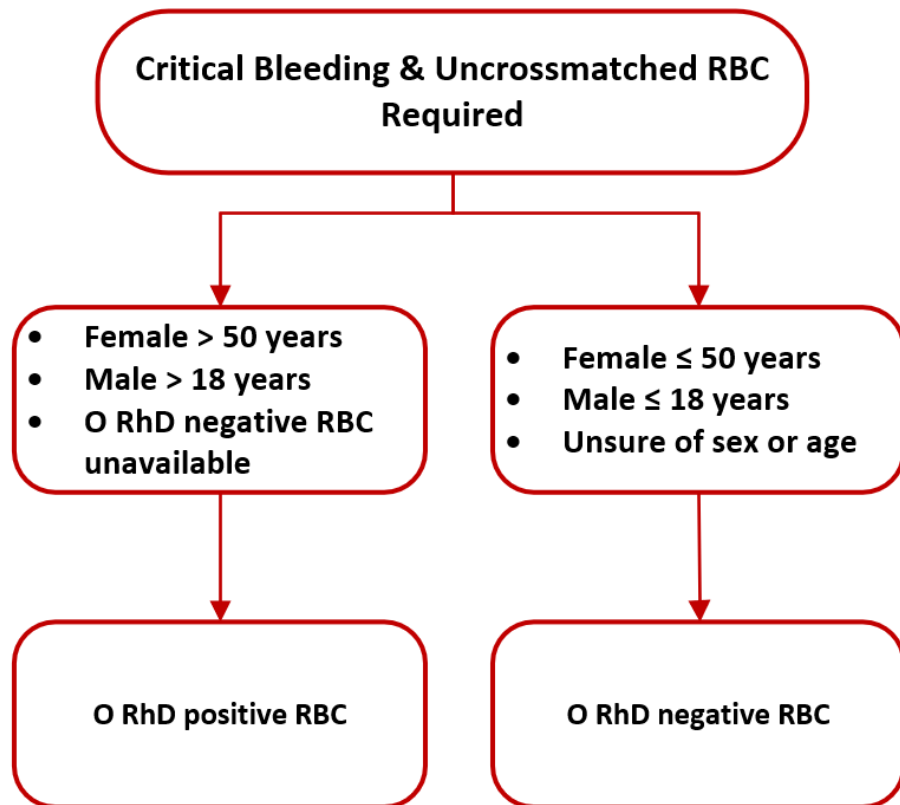


## Emergency Use of Group O Red Blood Cells



### Considerations



Uncrossmatched RBC are to be used only in an emergency to save a patient's life



A pretransfusion specimen must be obtained as soon as possible, and where practical, prior to transfusion of emergency RBC



Move to group specific/crossmatch compatible RBC as soon as possible



O RhD negative RBC need to be preserved for those patients who need it

For more information contact your hospital blood bank/transfusion laboratory and refer to your local Critical Bleeding Guidelines.

#### References:

1. National Blood Authority: <https://blood.gov.au/group-o-negative-red-blood-cell-management> 9 October 2023