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ABO subgroups in blood donated red blood cells

To help our hospital colleagues better understand Canadian Blood Services' processes associated with donors who fall in an ABO subgroup, we have published information on our professional education [website](#) on this topic.

Sometimes we detect such donors during our routine testing, and sometimes our automated testing procedures do not identify such donors as a subgroup, but they are instead identified by hospital customers during their ABO confirmation processes for received red blood cells.

The content covers:

- ABO subgroups background.
- Canadian Blood Services testing process and investigation.
- Steps for hospitals who identify a possible ABO subgroup.
- Affirmation that hospitals can use such units as labeled and intended.

For more detail visit our professional education [website](#).

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