

Blood Types

Body & health

The ABO and Rh systems, and who can give to whom.

Red cell transfusion compatibility.

Type	Can give to	Can receive
O-	Everyone	O-
O+	O+, A+, B+, AB+	O-, O+
A-	A-, A+, AB-, AB+	O-, A-
A+	A+, AB+	O, A (both Rh)
B-	B-, B+, AB-, AB+	O-, B-
AB-	AB-, AB+	O-, A-, B-, AB-
AB+	AB+ only	Everyone

Rh matters most in pregnancy: an Rh-negative mother carrying an Rh-positive baby needs anti-D to prevent sensitisation.