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| How to use swing tags for emergency group O red blood cell in Victoria |
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### For consistency across Victorian laboratories and health services the following is recommended:

* Print swing tags in transfusion laboratory (a limited number will be provided initially) [download available at [www.health.vic.gov.au/patient-care/blood-matters-program](http://secure-web.cisco.com/1IayLGnfa1jM9JnnT3LfcviCDmWzcVH-47_8mam0imHIz1Gr9kcRKK_DrofyAafB3HsmaIuZGzIpbKo-9ijsV6Ct-YUndh0Lu7JaMBa2ilQWdtaAn3Jh1QL5FHdMzVJJ2AbzpX7qxnaOb1bT4TlWsmSMJ7Q3hlXl3hgO32_d98FV6z1M1rG_Rku9WqYr5OdOIozbOqikva7w6Yl5kmBXIQR2ojReZZj4Tnt_oB8XIL_pDui0lSJG-_hOP23nxVlwr10EyadmkBsGVlpMUGxS6B-D8jP1XKXFEl9YYz2agVEVgt9bLNrm5N9bD9c_fFBjj/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.health.vic.gov.au%2Fpatient-care%2Fblood-matters-program)]
  + in colour (if available); or
  + on the appropriate coloured paper/card or sticker (pink and blue) attached to luggage tag.
* Attach swing tags to emergency use group O red blood cell units (example below – pink for group O RhD negative and blue for group O RhD positive) before issue from transfusion laboratory as required, for either
  + direct issue to patient for transfusion; or
  + issue to a satellite fridge.
* Provide staff education
  + Protocols and education should be available to guide staff to easily identify and access appropriate emergency use group O red blood cells for the required patient, including where the person’s age or sex cannot be determined.

