

# National Blood Supply Contingency Plan

## (NBSCP)

### Clinical Community – Roles and Responsibilities

NBSCP - LEVEL	Institutions / Clinicians	Pathology Providers
<b>WHITE ALERT</b>	<p>Review emergency blood management arrangements to ensure currency.</p> <p>Place institution on alert.</p> <p>Place Emergency Blood Management Team (EBMT) on alert.</p> <p>Increase inter-hospital transfer to ensure equity of access nationally.</p>	<p>Implement optimal inventory management practices such as reducing cross-matching hold time.</p> <p>Comply with maximum blood order schedule (MBOS) - refer to ANZSBT Guidelines.</p> <p>Notify customer base of status.</p> <p>Provide inventory levels and details of specific batches held to suppliers, as required.</p>
<b>YELLOW ACTIVATE</b>	<p>Activate emergency blood management arrangements.</p> <p>Increase blood minimisation strategies (e.g. cell salvage) and blood alternatives (e.g. erythropoietin).</p> <p>Consider prioritising surgery to minimise blood use.</p> <p>Commence centralised vetting process for all requests for red blood cells.</p> <p>Consider amending treatment program to minimise plasma-derived and recombinant product use.</p>	<p>Participate with institutions in emergency blood management arrangements.</p> <p>Commence centralised coordination of request to all affiliated institutions.</p>
<b>RED ACTIVATE</b>	<p>Implement national strategies agreed by AHPC/AHMC such as cancellation of elective surgery requiring blood.</p>	<p>Implement strategies to assist in the implementation of approach agreed by AHPC/AHMC.</p> <p>Transfer product as directed by ARCBS.</p>
<b>DE-ACTIVATE</b>	<p>Hospitals/institutions HTCs or EBMT to undertake internal debrief and evaluation of their process and amend as necessary.</p>	<p>Participate in affiliated hospital/ institutions debriefing arrangements, as necessary.</p>