Phenotype Information Provided to Hospitals by Canadian Blood Services

Red Blood Cell Label and Tags

Red Cells Label

- **RBC Phenotype**
  - Printed on Bag Label = donor has been tested on 2 separate donations
  - Underlined on Bag Label and Underlined = Donor has been tested on 2 separate donations and one result is on the current donation
  - **Note:** Canadian Blood Services prints phenotypes in bold font but if the unit has been transformed i.e. irradiated, the phenotype will print in regular font.

Phenotype Tags

- **PHENOTYPE TAG – TESTED ON PREVIOUS DONATION**
  - DONOR HAS BEEN TESTED ONCE PREVIOUSLY AND FOUND TO BE NEGATIVE FOR THE ENCIRCLED ANTIGENS
  - C E e K Fya Fyb Jka Jkb S s Other:_____________
  - Note: Phenotype should be confirmed prior to transfusion

- **PHENOTYPE TAG – TESTED ON CURRENT DONATION**
  - DONOR HAS BEEN TESTED ON THE CURRENT DONATION AND FOUND TO BE NEGATIVE FOR THE ENCIRCLED ANTIGENS
  - C E e K Fya Fyb Jka Jkb S s Other:_____________

- **White Tag**
  - Attached to a unit of red cells means that the donor has been tested on one prior occasion

- **Buff Tag**
  - Attached to a unit of red cells means that the donor has been tested on the current donation