

Table 3: Blood Type Compatibility Chart

Blood Type Recipient	Donor Red Cells	Donor Whole Blood	Donor Plasma
O+	O+, O-	O+, O-	All types
O-	O-	O-	All types
B+	B+, B-, O+, O-	B+, B-	Any B or AB
B-	B-, O-	B-	Any B or AB
A+	A+, A-, O+, O-	A+, A-	Any B or AB
A-	A-, O-	A-	Any B or AB
AB+	All types	AB+, AB-	Any AB
AB-	AB-, A-, B-, O-	AB-	Any AB

Platelets—ABO identical or compatible units are preferred but not required. Rh compatibility is recommended in children and women of childbearing years to prevent antibody formation.

Single Donor Cryoprecipitate—All ABO groups acceptable.

Type O blood is known as the universal donor.

Type AB blood is known as the universal recipient.