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Have a national Rare Donor Program:
Yes, rare donors sourced throughout South Africa

Number of Donors in Database:
Total number of 164 rare donors of 20 different rare types

Definition of Rare:
Blood types found in < 1% of general population
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Number of Frozen Rare Cells:

313 donations currently in frozen storage

How are Rare Donors found?:

– Screening
– Patient sample investigations
– Family studies
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Number of Rare Donor units used per year:
Varies but on average about 18 per year

Shipping Outcome form used?:
No

Most difficult types to find:
Ge-, Lan-, Jk:-3, Lu:-5, p phenotype
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Other items of interest:

Increased number of requests for multiple antigen negative donations