

ISBT WORKING PARTY ON RARE DONORS

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Have a national Rare Donor Program: Yes

Number of Donors in Database: 781

Definition of Rare: We consider a phenotype to be rare when the phenotype frequency is 1 in 1000 donors or less.

Number of Frozen Rare Cells: 681

How are Rare Donors found?: 1) Specific typing for some rare antigens; 2) Some donors were patients in the past; 3) Typing for the preparation of Panels of cells for screening and identification of erythrocyte antibodies.

Number of Rare Donor units used per year: 2010: 48; 2011: 28; 2012 (January to June): 30



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Shipping Outcome form used?: Shipping Form elaborated by the Spanish WP. The ISBT Form was introduced last year.

Most difficult types to find:

 Ko
 McLeod
 Co(a-b-)
 Ge:-2, -3
 Rh_{null}
 RH17
 Ge:-2

 RH29
 Cr(a-)
 LW(a-)
 In(b-)
 Sc:-1
 At(a-)

Lan- RH46 Jk:-3 P- I- U-

We have a limited number of these phenotypes



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Other items of interest:

- We have had an acceptable level of traceability in the units provided as well as in the level of efficiency in recent years (89%).
- Nevertheless, further work is necessary to reinforce the habit of reporting the final destiny of the provided units.
- Although our Panel covers most the phenotypes with clinical importance, it has not been possible to include others with a very low frequency.
- The role of the ISBT Working Party is of paramount importance in coordinating the search for these very rare phenotypes with the different members (countries) of the WP.