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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Babies born to mothers with blood group O positive.

You asked:

I am asking if you have specific protocol regarding babies born to mothers with blood group O positive. Our current protocol is to do cord blood tests for those babies including: cbc, bilirubin level, blood group and cbc. I hope you can provide me with your protocol if present to compare it with our policy.

Trust response:

We do not perform cord blood sampling for O positive mothers routinely. It is done only in mothers with rhesus negative group. Most cases of ABO incompatibility tends to cause really delayed isoimmunisation response and also intensity tends to be less severe.