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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE USE OF ANTI-D IN PREGNANCY:

You have been advised to have an injection of Anti-D immunoglobulin.

Women with Rh-negative blood who are pregnant with an Rh-positive baby are at risk of developing Rh antibodies unless they receive this injection within a few days of that baby's birth. These antibodies may cause serious problems with any future pregnancy because they can attack the blood of the baby while it is still in the uterus. This can lead to serious complications including stillbirth and brain damage. Anti-D is given to prevent Rh-antibodies forming. It is only effective when given within a few days of the Rh-positive baby's birth. Anti-D should also be given to all Rh-negative women at 28 weeks, 34 weeks and if there is vaginal bleeding.

As with all medication, the benefits of Anti-D treatment must be balanced against the possible risks of using it. If Anti-D were not used at all in Australia, hundreds of babies would be very seriously affected by the problems mentioned above. However, for medicinal products made from human blood (such as Anti-D), it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk that they may carry an infection. This is controlled as far as possible by strict controls on who donates such blood.

Australian Anti-D is made by CSL from blood donated by volunteer donors at our Red Cross Blood Banks.

If you require any further explanation of information, please contact my rooms on (08) 8927 0108.

**This document is to be retained with patient records in Dr O'Callaghan's rooms.**

I confirm that the above statement has been explained to me. I fully understand the situation under which this product has been supplied in Australia and, in this knowledge, agree to its administration to me.

Signature of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:        /        /

I have fully explained to the patient the situation under which this product has been supplied as described in the above Information for Prescribers/Patients.

Patient details: \_\_\_\_\_  
(sticker)

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Gestation: ~28/40

~34/40

Blood Group:

Dose administered: 625 IU

**CSL Lot Number:**

**Date given:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr Stephen O’Callaghan:** \_\_\_\_\_