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These changes apply to the individual Tissue and Cell Donor Selection Guidelines as stated below.

Addiction and Drug Abuse

1. Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines – Deceased Donors

Please makes the changes shown in red to the 'discretionary', 'additional information' and 'reason for change sections' as below.

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

Has injected, or has been injected with drugs in the past 12 months.

Discretionary

a) Accept if has not injected or been injected with other non-prescription drugs (other than drugs of addiction), such as bodybuilding drugs or injectable tanning agent within the past 3 months.

b) Accept if has not injected, or been injected with, drugs of addiction within the last 12 months.

c) If has not injected or been injected with drugs of addiction within the last 3 months – **refer to designated medical officer**. The donor may be accepted with individual risk assessment. See additional information section.

d). May be acceptable if injected drugs were prescribed by the donor's physician for a condition that would not lead to exclusion.

e) Previous use of non-parenteral drugs does not necessarily require exclusion.

See if Relevant

[Tissues Safety Entry](#)

Additional Information

Injecting drugs has been linked with the passing on of many infections, including hepatitis and HIV. The deferral periods specified above may be reduced by doing individual risk assessment if the risk of acquiring an infectious disease may be outweighed by the risk of delaying a lifesaving transplantation. This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for HIV, HBV and HCV is negative, if this test is stopped for any reason the guidance will change.

Reason for change:

This entry was updated in line with the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report published on 23rd July 2017.

2. Tissue and Cell Donor Selection Guidelines – Live Tissue Donors and Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donors

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

- a) **Has injected, or has been injected with drugs in the past 12 months**
- b) Adversely affected by any drug, including alcohol, which may affect the process of obtaining valid consent.

Discretionary

- a) **Accept if has not injected or been injected with other non-prescription drugs (other than drugs of addiction), such as bodybuilding drugs or injectable tanning agent within the past 3 months.**
- b) **Accept if has not injected or been injected with drugs of addiction within the last 12 months**
- c) **If has not injected or been injected with drugs of addiction within the last 3 months – refer to designated medical officer. The donor may be accepted with individual risk assessment. See additional information section**
- d) **May be acceptable if injected drugs were prescribed by the donor's physician for a condition that would not lead to exclusion.**
- e) **Previous use of non-parenteral drugs does not necessarily require exclusion.**

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Additional Information

Injecting drugs has been linked with the passing on of many infections, including hepatitis and HIV. It can be many years before any infection shows itself. Former drug users often do not realize that they can still pass infection on to others many years after they last used drugs themselves. **The deferral periods specified above may be reduced by doing individual risk assessment if the risk of acquiring an infectious disease may be outweighed by the risk of delaying a lifesaving transplantation. This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for HIV, HBV and HCV is negative, if this test is stopped for any reason the guidance will change**

Anyone obviously affected by alcohol or other drugs that can affect the mind, cannot give valid consent or fully understand why they are being asked certain questions.

Reason for change:

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3. Cell Donor Selection Guidelines – Cord Blood

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

- a) **The mother has injected, or been injected with drugs in the past 12 months.**
- b) The mother is adversely affected by any drug, including alcohol, which may affect the process of obtaining valid consent.

Discretionary

- a) **Accept if mother has not injected or been injected with other non-prescription drugs (other than drugs of addiction), such as bodybuilding drugs or injectable tanning agent within the past 3 months.**
- b) **Accept if mother has not injected or been injected with drugs of addiction within the last 12 months**
- c) **If mother has not injected or been injected with drugs of addiction within the last 3 months – refer to designated medical officer. The donation may be accepted with individual risk assessment. See additional information section**
- d) **May be acceptable if injected drugs were prescribed by the mother's physician for a condition that would not lead to exclusion.**
- e) **Previous use of non-parenteral drugs does not necessarily require exclusion.**

See if Relevant

[Tissues Safety Entry](#)

Additional Information

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