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Body Piercing

This change applies to all the Tissue and Cell Donor Selection Guidelines

Please amend the following sections of this entry:

<i>Includes:</i>	Derma-rolling, ear and body piercing , permanent and semi-permanent makeup, tattooing (including memorial tattoos) , platelet rich plasma (PRP) facials and ritual self-flagellation .
<i>Discretionary:</i>	<p>Piercings performed within the UK in a commercial setting: Accept</p> <p>Piercings performed outside the UK or within the UK in an unlicensed non-commercial premises more than 3 months ago: Accept</p> <p>Painting, stencilling or transfers applied to the skin without piercing: Accept</p>
<i>Additional Information:</i>	<p>Under all current legislation it is a criminal offence to trade without registration (licensing) or to be in breach of the relevant byelaws. Similar provisions are in place in Scotland in the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order 2006. Some London boroughs also require a 'special treatment' license. It is expected that all premises will follow infection control processes including using single needles for treatments.</p> <p>In the UK local authorities are responsible for regulating and monitoring businesses providing semi-permanent skin colouring procedures (micropigmentation, semi-permanent make-up and temporary tattooing). The focus of legislation covering local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982) is on minimising infection risks using compulsory registration of practitioners and premises and optional powers to make byelaws.</p> <p>For piercings performed outside the UK or within the UK in an unlicensed, non-commercial establishment less than 3 months ago, the donor may only be accepted following documented individual risk assessment and discussion with the transplant centre if the risk of delaying transplant outweighs the risk of transmission of infections.</p> <p>Piercing has passed infection from person to person. Waiting 3 months helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood & Tissues Services will be picked up.</p>

	<p>Platelet rich plasma (PRP) facials (also known as 'Vampire Facials') have been associated with HIV transmission.</p> <p>Ritual self-flagellation is carried out by some religious groups. The practice includes beating or flogging oneself with sharp objects. It may be associated with exposure to blood from other participants, either directly or through contamination of shared equipment.</p> <p>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</p>
<p><i>Reason for Change:</i></p>	<p>This entry was updated in line with the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report published on 23rd July 2017.</p> <p>To add Derma-rolling, ear and body piercing, tattooing (including memorial tattoos), platelet rich plasma (PRP) facials and ritual self-flagellation to the entry and to add information regarding PRP facials and ritual self-flagellation .</p>

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