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Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 18 - 2012

Toxoplasmosis

Please replace the current entries with:

Applies to the Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines Live Donors, Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines Deceased Donors and Bone Marrow and PBSC Donor Selection Guidelines

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

Less than six months from recovery.

Additional Information

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Reason for Change

Entry has been simplified following a risk assessment by SACTTI.

Applies to the Cord Blood Donor Selection Guidelines

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

- a) Maternal recovery less than six months before this pregnancy.
- b) Mother not shown to be IgM negative.

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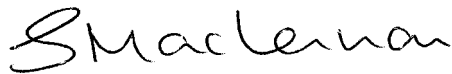
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Further Information


The supporting paper, JPAC 12-29 Toxoplasmosis DSG entry, leading to this Change Notification can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website:

<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/Index.aspx?Publication=DL&Section=12&pageid=7528>



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