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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

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Hepatitis A

These changes apply to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines

Please make the following changes to the entry:

4. Immunization

Obligatory

**Known exposure.
Must not donate if:**

Less than six months post the last known contact with the affected individual even if ~~weeks after~~ vaccine or intramuscular immunoglobulin was given.

Discretionary

No known exposure:
Accept

See if Relevant

[Hepatitis B - 4. Immunization Travel](#)

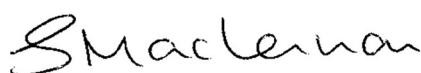
Additional Information

Hepatitis A immunization is advised before travel to parts of the world where other infections relevant to donating such as malaria are common. The donor should be asked about any relevant travel history.

Hepatitis A immunization may be combined with Hepatitis B immunization.

Reason for Change

~~The 'Additional Information' has been extended.~~ The deferral period for immunization post known exposure has been reviewed following guidance from Public Health England.



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