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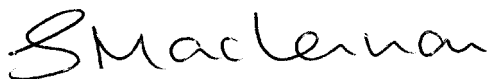
Sickle-Cell Trait

Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only


Obligatory	Whole Blood donor: Not suitable for intra-uterine or neonatal use.
Discretionary	For adult use only, accept.
Additional Information	<p>The red blood cells from people with sickle cell trait can be safely transfused into most adults. They are however not thought to be suitable for intra-uterine or neonatal use as there is a higher risk of the cells sickling and causing harm to the baby.</p> <p>For some individuals with sickle cell trait it will not be possible to process their blood. For this reason they may be asked not to donate.</p>
Reason for change	To allow component donors with sickle-cell trait to donate.


Further Information

The supporting paper, JPAC 12-65 Sickle Cell Trait and Apheresis, 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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