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Tissues Safety

Applies to the Living Tissue Donor, Deceased Tissue Donor, Cord Blood Donor and Bone Marrow and PBSC Donor Selection Guidelines

Please modify the entry as follows:

Obligatory

Information must be provided so that those at risk do not donate.

1. You must not donate if:

You think you need a test for HIV/AIDS, HTLV or hepatitis.

2. You must never donate if:

- a) You are HIV positive
- b) You are HTLV positive
- c) You are a hepatitis B carrier
- d) You are a hepatitis C carrier
- e) You have ever received money or drugs for sex
- f) You have ever injected, or been injected with, drugs; even a long time ago or only once. This includes bodybuilding drugs. You may be able to give if a doctor prescribed the drugs. Please ask.

3. You must not donate for at least 12 months after sex (even if you used a condom or other protective) with:

A partner who is, or you think may be:

- a) HIV or HTLV positive
- b) A hepatitis B carrier
- c) A hepatitis C carrier
- d) A partner who has ever received money or drugs for sex
- e) A partner who has ever injected, or been injected with, drugs: even a long time ago or only once. This includes bodybuilding drugs. You may be able to give if a doctor prescribed the drugs, please ask.
- f) A partner who has been, or you think may have been, sexually active in parts of the world where HIV/AIDS is very common. This includes most countries in Africa. There are exceptions, so please ask.

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4a. For donors of haematopoietic progenitor cells, pancreatic islet cells or hepatocytes:

There are no specific restrictions regarding donation after male-sex-with-male sexual contact, instead a documented individual risk/benefit donor assessment is required.

4b. For donors of tissues/cells other than haematopoietic progenitor cells, pancreatic islet cells or hepatocytes:

You must not donate for at least 12 months after sex (even if you used a condom or other protective) with:

- a) (If you are a man): another man.
- b) (If you are a woman): A man who has ever had oral or anal sex with another man, even if they used a condom or other protective.

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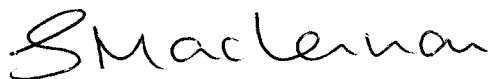
Additional Information

The guidance has been changed in line with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO). The recommendations have been noted by the English Department of Health and the devolved authorities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Reason for Change

For haematopoietic progenitor cells, pancreatic islet cells or hepatocytes to place no specific restrictions regarding donation after male-sex-with-male sexual contact. Instead to ensure that a documented individual risk/benefit donor assessment is required to allow donation.

For other banked tissues/cells (eg amnion, bone, cornea ,heart valves, skin and tendon) to remove the current lifetime deferral and allow donation 12 months after last male-sex-with-male sexual contact.



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