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Syphilis

Applies to the Whole Blood and Component Donor Selection Guidelines only

1. Affected Individual

Obligatory

Must not donate.

See if Relevant

Blood and Tissues Safety Entry

Additional Information

Many donors with treated syphilis will persistently test positive to the screening tests used by the Blood Services, even if treated many years ago. This will mean they will not be able to donate.

Information

Part of this entry is a requirement of the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

Reason for Change

Additional Information' has been added.

2. Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

a) The potential donor required treatment.

b) The potential donor did not require treatment and it is less than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment.

Discretionary

a) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 12 months from the last sexual contact with the infected partner, accept.

b) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment, accept.

See if Relevant

Blood and Tissues Safety Entry

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Additional Information

Certain sexually transmitted infections, such as syphilis and gonorrhoea, are more likely to be associated with other sexually transmitted infections that can be passed on through donation than others. For these, a 12 month deferral is required so that there is less risk of infections being missed by the Blood Services and then being passed on to a recipient of donated material.

Information

This entry is compliant with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.


Reason for Change

Further discretionary advice has been added to allow acceptance of donors whose partners have completed treatment over 12 months ago for syphilis.

Further information


The supporting paper, JPAC 11-07 Recommendations on a change to the Donor Selection Guidance for Syphilis, 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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