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Tuberculosis

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

Please make the following changes to the "1. Affected Individual" section of this entry:

1. Affected Individual

Obligatory

Must not donate if

- a) Infected.
- b) Less than 24 months from confirmation of cure.
- c) Under follow-up.

Discretionary

Donors with a diagnosis of Latent TB can donate, as long as they are not currently undergoing investigation or treatment.

Donors on antibiotic treatment for Latent TB only can donate 7 days after their last dose.

See if Relevant

For BCG immunization:

Immunization - Live

Tuberculin PPD Test

Latent TB

Additional Information

Tuberculosis can be present in many tissues and be spread through the blood stream. It is sensible to exclude people who may have active disease from donating to prevent any possibility of transmitting the infection.

Someone with Latent TB does not have active disease and can usually be accepted to donate. However, once diagnosed they may be offered a course of antibiotics against TB. This is to reduce the risk of future reactivation of their infection. Treatment is for either three months or six months. Donors with Latent TB should not be accepted while on treatment, but can return to donate seven days after completion of antibiotics.

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Reason for change Advice and background information on Latent TB has been added.

Changes to Keyword/Search:

- Direct 'Latent Tuberculosis' to the 'Tuberculosis' entry rather than 'Accept'
- 'Accept Entry': No change required to text, but remove 'Latent Tuberculosis' from keywords.

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