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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

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Acitretin

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

Please make these changes to the "Obligatory" and "Reason for Change" sections the following entries:

Acne

Obligatory **Must not donate if:**

b) Less than ~~24~~ 36 months from the last dose of acitretin (Neotigason®).

Reason for Change ~~The allowed medication for acne has been updated.~~ The deferral period after acitretin therapy has increased from 24 to 36 months.

Psoriasis

Obligatory **Must not donate if:**

b) Less than ~~24~~ 36 months from the last dose of acitretin (Neotigason®).

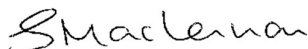
Reason for Change ~~There has been an increase in the deferral period after using acitretin (Neotigason®) from 12 to 24 months.~~ The deferral period after acitretin therapy has increased from 24 to 36 months.

Skin Disease

Obligatory **Must not donate if:**

f) Less than ~~24~~ 36 months from the last dose of acitretin (Neotigason®).

Reason for Change ~~To improve clarity and include information on Alitretinoin Toctino®).~~ The deferral period after acitretin therapy has increased from 24 to 36 months.



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