

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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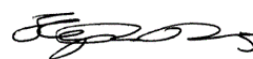
Kidney Disease

This notification includes the following changes:

	BM-DSG Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell	CB-DSG Cord Blood	GDRI Geographical Disease Risk Index	TD-DSG Tissue – Deceased Donors	TL-DSG Tissue – Live Donors	WB-DSG Whole Blood & Components	Red Book Guidelines for the BTS in the UK
1. Kidney Disease	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐



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Changes are indicated using the key below. This formatting will not appear in the final entry.

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1. Changes apply to the **Tissues – Deceased Donors DSG**

Kidney Disease

(revised entry)

Acute Nephritis	
<i>Obligatory</i>	Must not donate if: Less than 12 months from recovery.
<i>Discretionary</i>	1. All tissues: a) Self-limiting renal disease e.g. single attacks of glomerulonephritis, pyelitis, from which recovery has been complete, do not necessarily disqualify the donor. b) If there is doubt about the diagnosis refer to a Designated Medical Officer. 2. Eyes: «Accept.» If not immunosuppressed, accept.
<i>Additional Information</i>	If the donor has not received treatment to suppress the condition in the last 12 months it is unlikely that their donation will pose a risk to the recipient.
<i>Reason for Change</i>	To align the guidance with that for blood donors, the deferral period following an attack of 'Acute Nephritis' has been reduced from five years to 12 months.
Chronic Nephritis	
<i>Obligatory</i>	Must not donate.
<i>Discretionary</i>	Eyes: «Accept.» If not immunosuppressed, accept.
<i>«See if Relevant»</i>	Autoimmune Disease Immunosuppression Infection – General
<i>Additional Information</i>	Renal diseases may present with associated conditions, e.g. autoimmune diseases or infections, and patients may undergo complex treatment, e.g. immunosuppressive treatment. It is important to evaluate the donor history comprehensively.
<i>Reason for Change</i>	Amended 'discretionary' sections, 'See if relevant' sections added, 'Additional Information' updated, to align this entry with the entry for 'immunosuppression'.