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Infection - Chronic

Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only

Definition

Chronic:
Continuing, or possibly continuing, infection, even without symptoms or signs of infection.

Systemic:
Any medicine taken by mouth, injection or suppository. It does not include local skin or nail treatments, or drops or creams used in the eye, ear or nose.

Obligatory

Must not donate:

Contact with:
See:
Infectious Diseases - Contact With
Or
Non-Contagious Diseases - Contact With

Discretionary

1. Acne:
Most donors with acne can be accepted but this depends on the type of treatment and lack of any secondary infection.

2. Chronic superficial fungal infections:
a) If on local therapy only, accept.

b) If more than seven days from completing systemic antifungal therapy, accept.

3. Typhoid and Paratyphoid
If more than seven days from completion of antibiotic course and last symptoms, accept

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See if Relevant

Acne
Endocarditis
Hepatitis
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis C
Hepatitis E
Herpes Simplex
HIV
HTLV
Malaria
Osteomyelitis
Prion Associated Diseases
Sexually Transmitted Disease
Skin Disease
South American Trypanosomiasis
Steroid Therapy
Surgery
Syphilis
Thrush
Toxoplasmosis
Tuberculosis

Additional Information

Many infections can be spread by donated material. It is important that the donor does not pose a risk of giving an infection to a recipient. Some infections may appear to have resolved but are only controlled by the person's immune system. If material from them is given to a recipient without immunity, severe infection may result. Typhoid and Paratyphoid are gastrointestinal infections which rarely have a chronic carrier state. It is usually caught while travelling. It is passed by the faecal oral route and is not transfusion transmitted.

Reason for Change

To add entry for Typhoid and Paratyphoid.

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