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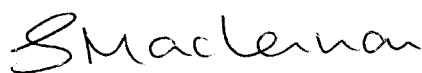
## **Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 05 2016**

This change applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only

### **Body Piercing**

Please modify this entry as follows:

<b>Including</b>	Derma-rolling, ear and body piercing, permanent and semi-permanent make-up and tattooing (including memorial tattoos).
<b>Obligatory</b>	<b>Must not donate if:</b> Less than 12 months from last piercing.
<b>Discretionary</b>	a) If after four months, a validated test for hepatitis B core antibody is negative, accept. b) Painting, stencilling or transfers applied to the skin without piercing, accept.
<b>Additional Information</b>	Piercing has passed infection from person to person. Waiting 12 months helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood and Tissues Services will be picked up.  This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for hepatitis C is negative. If this test is stopped, the guidance will change. During the recovery phase of HBV infection, levels of free HBsAg may be too low to detect and antibody to hepatitis B core antigen may be the only indicator of infectivity.
<b>Information</b>	Part of this entry is a requirement of the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.
<b>Reason for change</b>	The addition of guidance on memorial tattoos.



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