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## Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 7 - 2012

# Toxoplasmosis

**Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only**

**Obligatory**                      **Must not donate if:**  
Less than six months from recovery.

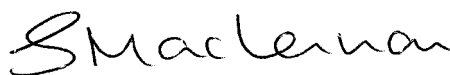
**Additional Information**                      This is a common parasitic infection, often spread by cat faeces or eating undercooked meat. It can be spread through transfusion. It may have serious consequences or even prove fatal for the recipient. Usually it does not cause symptoms, as the body's immune system easily overcomes the parasite. If the infection has caused symptoms that has lead to it being diagnosed, waiting six months from recovery will make it unlikely that it will be passed on by donation.

**Information**                      This is a requirement of the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

**Reason for Change**                      Entry has been simplified following a risk assessment.

### Further Information

The supporting paper, JPAC 12-29 Toxoplasmosis DSG entry, leading to this Change Notification can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website:  
<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/Index.aspx?Publication=DL&Section=12&pageid=7528>



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