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Wounds, Mouth and Skin Ulcers

Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only

Obligatory  Must not donate if:
Has infected wounds, or skin ulcers, sores or mouth ulcers.

Discretionary  If an individual has an uninfected wound or small non-infected aphthous ulcers only, accept.

See if Relevant  Autoimmune Disease  
Cardiovascular Disease  
Diabetes Mellitus  
Infection - General  
Malignancy  
Surgery  
Tetanus - 2. Immunization  
Varicose Veins

Additional Information  An infected wound, a sore or an ulcer is a risk for bacteria entering the blood. Bacteria can be a serious threat to anybody receiving blood or blood components. This is because bacteria can multiply to dangerous levels after collection.

A small individual aphthous ulcer in an otherwise healthy person does not pose such a risk. Donors with recurrent severe aphthous ulceration may have a serious underlying condition, such as an autoimmune disease.

Reason for Change  To clarify the nature of wounds that are acceptable.

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