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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	<u>Autoimmune Disease</u> <u>Cardiovascular Disease</u> <u>Diabetes Mellitus</u> <u>Infection - General</u> <u>Malignancy</u> <u>Surgery</u> <u>Tetanus - 2. Immunization</u> <u>Varicose Veins</u>
Additional Information	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Reason for Change	To clarify the nature of wounds that are acceptable.



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