



Date of publication: 20th January 2009

Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 1 - 2009

Components Suitable for Use in Intrauterine Transfusion, Neonates and Infants Under One Year

Applies to the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom – 7th Edition 2005

There is a discrepancy in the Red Book between sections 8.18 (Components Suitable for Use in Intrauterine Transfusion, Neonates and Infants Under One Year) and 10.5 (Reinstatement of donors). This has arisen because the entry for 8.18 first appeared in the 3rd Edition (1996) following publication of BCSH Transfusion Guidelines for neonates and older children, but was not amended following later advice from SACTTI on donor reinstatement after false positive reactions.

Please delete:

- Components for use in intrauterine transfusion, neonates and infants under one year must be prepared from previously tested donors who fulfil the following criteria unless specific exceptions apply (see 8.24 and 8.25):
 - ☐ have given at least one donation in the last two years
 - ☐ have not produced a repeat reactive result in microbiology tests that were designated as mandatory at that time
 - ☐ negative results were obtained for mandatory microbiology markers with the current donation
 - ☐ the current donation and donor status otherwise meet component release criteria

Replace with:

- Components for use in intrauterine transfusion, neonates and infants under one year must be prepared from previously tested donors who fulfil the following criteria unless specific exceptions apply (see 8.24 and 8.25):
 - ☐ have given at least one donation in the last two years, which was either negative for all mandatory markers, or if repeat reactive, have been confirmed to be falsely reactive and the donor reinstated in accordance with Para 10.5, Reinstatement of donors

[\Continued](#)





- ☐ negative results were obtained for mandatory microbiology markers with the current donation

Sheila MacLennan

Dr Sheila MacLennan

Professional Director - Joint UKBTS/NIBSC Professional Advisory Committee

 Direct Dial: (0113) 214 8638

 sheila.maclennan@nhsbt.nhs.uk