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Prion Associated Diseases

Applies to Donor Selection Guidelines - Whole Blood and Components

Including	Sporadic, familial and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker disease and fatal familial insomnia.
Obligatory	**Must not donate if:** Diagnosed with any form of CJD, or other prion associated disorder. Identified at increased risk of developing a prion associated disorder. This includes: Individuals at familial risk of prion-associated diseases (have had two or more blood relatives develop a prion-associated disease or have been informed they are at risk following genetic counselling). Individuals who have been told that they have been put at increased risk from surgery, transfusion or transplant of tissues or organs. Individuals who have been told that they may be at increased risk because a recipient of blood or tissues that they have donated has developed a prion related disorder. Recipients of dura mater grafts. Recipients of corneal or sclera or other ocular tissue grafts. Recipients of human pituitary derived extracts.
Discretionary	If the donor has had two or more blood relatives develop a prion-associated disease and, following genetic counselling, they have been informed that they are not at risk, accept. This requires confirmation by a **Designated Medical Officer**.
Additional Information	See the Position Statement on "Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease". This is available in the JPAC Document Library at www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk

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Reason for Change	To include Department of Health decisions about individuals who have been identified at increased risk of developing a prion related disease. To clarify what is included in prion associated diseases and to extend the guidance to all transplanted ocular material.

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