Cardiac Surgery

Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only

Obligatory
Must not donate.

Discretionary
If surgery was for a congenital heart defect, cure has been achieved and donation is not excluded because of their transfusion history: refer to a ‘Designated Clinical Support Officer’.

See if Relevant
Cardiovascular Disease
Surgery
Transfusion

Additional Information
Individuals who have had cardiac surgery, other than for congenital abnormality, are unlikely to be fit enough to safely have a unit of blood removed. An individual who has had congenital abnormalities corrected can often lead a normal lifestyle and may be able to give blood safely. If the criteria under ‘Discretionary’ are met, the ‘Designated Clinical Support Officer’ can make a documented decision based on the individual’s medical history.

Reason for Change
To bring guidance into line with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005

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