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Jaundice

Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only.

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

Jaundiced or has a history of jaundice.

If the cause of the jaundice was viral, see the specific entry for that condition.

If the cause of the jaundice was not known, treat as **Hepatitis of Unknown Origin**.

Discretionary

- a) If fully recovered from a non-viral cause of jaundice (this includes, but is not limited to, physiological jaundice of the newborn, gall stones and drug reactions), accept.
- b) If due to Gilbert's Syndrome and not visibly jaundiced, accept.

See if relevant

Gall Bladder Disease
Gilbert's Syndrome
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis C
Hepatitis E
Hepatitis of Unknown Origin

Additional Information

Transfusion laboratories are unlikely to use blood that appears jaundiced. This means any visibly jaundiced donation is likely to be wasted.

Many things can cause jaundice. The concern is with infectious causes that might be passed on by a transfusion and for the safety of the donor.



Reason for Change In 'Obligatory' the link to 'Hepatitis B' has been changed to 'Hepatitis of Unknown Origin'.

There have been other minor changes to improve clarity and to avoid the unnecessary exclusion of donors.

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