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Please modify the entries as follows.

Applies to the Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines Live Donors, Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines Deceased Donors and Bone Marrow and PBSC Donor Selection Guidelines

Obligatory          Must not donate if:

Remove:             b) Less than 12 months from the last dose of Acitretin (Neotigason).
Replace with:        b) Less than 24 months from the last dose of Acitretin (Neotigason).

Add:

Reason for Change   There has been an increase in the deferral period after using acitretin (Neotigason®) from 12 to 24 months.

Applies to the Cord Blood Donor Selection Guidelines

Obligatory          Must not donate if:

Remove:             b) Pregnancy commenced within 12 months of the last dose of Acitretin (Neotigason).
Replace with:        b) Pregnancy commenced within 24 months of the last dose of Acitretin (Neotigason).

Add:

Reason for Change   There has been an increase in the deferral period after using acitretin (Neotigason®) from 12 to 24 months.

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