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### Age

#### Applies to the Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines for Deceased Donors

Please replace “Obligatory”, “Reason for Change” and “Update Information” with the versions below.

#### Obligatory

##### 1. Bone, structural.

###### Must not donate if:

a) Over 50 years of age.

b) Under 17 years of age.

##### 2. Cardiovascular tissue.

###### Must not donate if:

a) Over 60 years of age - for aortic valves

b) Over 65 years of age - for pulmonary valves

c) Over 70 years of age – for pulmonary patches

d) A child of less than 32 weeks gestation (see **Children** below).

##### 3. Costal cartilage.

###### Must not donate if:

a) Over 40 years of age.

b) Under 10 years of age.

##### 4. Eyes.

If the donor is under three years old **Refer to Eye Bank** and, if applicable, observe the testing for **Children** below.

##### 5. Skin.

May be collected from a donor of any age but, if applicable, observe the testing for **Children** below.

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**6. Tendons.**

**Must not donate if:**

- a) Over 60 years of age.
- b) Under 17 years of age.

**Children:**

- a) Under 18 months old.

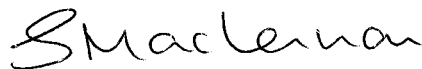
If the mother would not be excluded by the Tissues Safety Entry and agrees to testing, and all her results are negative (for the infectious markers used for living tissue donors) and the markers of infection in the child are negative (as used for deceased donors), accept.

- b) Breastfed in the preceding 12 months.

As in a) above, but only accept if the breast milk has been provided exclusively by the mother.

**Reason for change** To add age limits for pulmonary patch allografts.

**Update Information** Part of this advice is a requirement of the EU Tissue & Cells ~~& Cells~~ Directive



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