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## **Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 2 - 2005**

### **West Nile Fever: For inclusion in the Donor Selection Guidelines DSG008, TDSG02 and DSG201**

The boxed text indicates where changes have been made. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

#### **West Nile Virus Fever**

**Definition:** West Nile Virus endemic areas are defined by the Joint Professional Advisory Committee in the Position Statement available in the Document Library at [www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk](http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk).

<b>Obligatory:</b>	<p><b>Must not donate if:</b></p> <p>Not recovered <u>or less than three months from the onset of symptoms caused by WNV infection.</u></p> <p><u>Not recovered or less than three months from testing positive for a nucleic acid test (NAT) for WNV infection.</u></p> <p>Less than four weeks since leaving a WNV endemic area.</p>
<b>Discretionary:</b>	<p><u>If there is no history of infection and a validated NAT for WNV is negative, accept.</u></p> <p><del>Accept with no deferral period if a validated NAT test for WNV is negative.</del></p>

**See if relevant:** Travel Index  
Malaria  
South American Trypanosomiasis Risk  
Infection (Tropical)

**Reason for change:** The term Fever has been replaced by Virus as many cases of infection do not obviously have a fever. The entry has also been revised following reassessment of risk factors by the Standing Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Infection and the issuing of an updated Position Statement.

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