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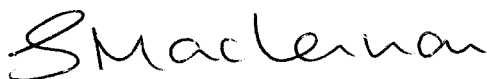
## **Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 2 - 2010**

# **Body Piercing**

**Applies to the following:**

- **Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines - Live Donors**
- **Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines - Deceased Donors**
- **Cord Blood Donor Selection Guidelines**
- **Bone Marrow and Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donor Selection Guidelines**

<b>Including</b>	Permanent and Semi-permanent Makeup
<b>Obligatory</b>	<b>Must not donate if:</b>  Less than four months after last piercing.
<b>Additional Information</b>	Piercing has passed infection from person to person. Waiting four months helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood & Tissue Services will be picked up.  This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for hepatitis C is negative, if this test is stopped for any reason the guidance will change.
<b>Reason for Change</b>	The deferral period has been reduced from 6 to 4 months to reflect updated JPAC Standing Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Infections guidance on infection risk. (JPAC paper 09-34).



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