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### **Endoscopy**

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

<b>Obligatory</b>	<b>Must not donate if:</b> Less than six months from an examination with a flexible endoscope.
<b>Discretionary</b>	If the examination has been carried out with a rigid endoscope (eg some colonoscopies and proctoscopies), the donor is well and not waiting for further tests or results, accept.  If after 4 months a validated test for hepatitis B core antibody is negative, accept.
<b>See if Relevant</b>	<u>Surgery</u>
<b>Additional Information</b>	Flexible endoscopes can be difficult to disinfect. There have been cases where infection has been passed from person to person by examination and biopsy using this type of instrument.  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>	To reflect updated JPAC Standing Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Infections guidance on infection risk in line with The Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.



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