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Ehlers Danlos Syndrome

These changes apply to the Whole Blood and Component Donor Selection Guidelines.

Please add the following entry.

<i>Obligatory</i>	<p>Must not donate if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there is history of excessive bleeding or bruising b) there is a history of repeated joint dislocation involving the upper limbs c) there are complications due to effects on the heart, cardiovascular system and other organs, e.g. heart valve disease or aortic root involvement, or the donor is under active investigation, treatment or follow up by a specialist d) there is active periodontal disease
<i>Discretionary</i>	If the condition is mild and donor is not prone to excessive bruises or bleeding, even if taking analgesics for joint pain, accept
<i>See if Relevant</i>	Cardiovascular Disease Drug Index Autoimmune Disease
<i>Additional Information</i>	<p>Ehlers Danlos syndrome is usually a mild condition which typically presents with hypermobility of joints, joint pains and tendency to bruising. Most donors are treated symptomatically, usually with analgesics for joint pains.</p> <p>If there is doubt about the diagnosis or severity, refer to a Designated Clinical Support Officer.</p>

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Add the following keywords as links to this entry:

- EDS
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