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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

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Body Piercing

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

Please amend the following entry.

<i>Includes</i>	Derma-rolling, ear and body piercing, permanent and semi-permanent make-up, tattooing (including memorial tattoos) and platelet rich plasma (PRP) facial, and ritual self-flagellation .
<i>Additional Information:</i>	<p>Piercing has passed infection from person to person. Waiting four months helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood and Tissues Services will be picked up.</p> <p>Platelet rich plasma (PRP) facials (also known as ‘Vampire Facials’) have been associated with HIV transmission.</p> <p>Ritual self-flagellation is carried out by some religious groups. The practice includes beating or flogging oneself with sharp objects. It may be associated with exposure to blood from other participants, either directly or through contamination of shared equipment.</p> <p>This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for hepatitis C is negative. If this test is stopped, the guidance will change.</p>
<i>Reason for Change:</i>	<p>An obligatory deferral for PRP facials has been added.</p> <p>A deferral for ritual self-flagellation has been added.</p>

A-Z index changes

Please also add the following terms to the index with both terms directing to this entry:

- ‘Self-flagellation’, to direct to Body Piercing
- ‘Flagellation’, to direct to Body Piercing



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