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# **Endoscopy**

**Applies to the following:**

- **Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines - Live Donors**
- **Cord Blood Donor Selection Guidelines**

**Obligatory**

**Must not donate if:**

Less than four months from an examination with a flexible endoscope.

**Discretionary**

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.

**See if Relevant**

Surgery

**Additional Information**

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.

**Reason for Change**

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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