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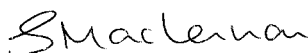
Immunization - Live

Applies to the Whole Blood and Component Donor Selection Guidelines only

Obligatory	Must not donate if: a) Less than eight weeks from administration. b) The inoculation site has not yet healed.
Discretionary	If more than four weeks from administration of a live immunization other than smallpox immunization and the inoculation site has healed, accept.
See if Relevant	<u>Smallpox Immunization</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u>
Additional Information	Live immunizations use living viruses or living bacteria that will stimulate the immune system but do not normally cause a severe illness. They may however cause severe illness in people who are already unwell and have a weakened immune system. By four weeks, any infection caused by the immunization should have been controlled and so should not be passed on through donated material. There are special rules for smallpox immunizations.
Information	This entry is compliant with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.
Reason for Change	Advice has been given from SACTTI that a period of four weeks is sufficient to ensure that there would be no circulating virus at time of blood or component donation for live immunizations other than smallpox.

Further information

The supporting paper, JPAC 11-06 Recommendations on a change to the Donor Selection Guidance for Immunization, leading to this Change Notification can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website:
<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/Index.aspx?Publication=DL&Section=12&pageid=7528>



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