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Age

Applies to Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines: Deceased Donors only

Obligatory

All tissues.

Must not donate if:

An infant, less than 18 months old.

An infant who has been breastfed in the preceding 12 months.

Bone, structural.

Must not donate if:

Over fifty years of age.

Under seventeen years of age.

Cardiovascular tissue.

Must not donate if:

Over sixty years of age.

Under thirty-two weeks of gestation.

Costal cartilage.

Must not donate if:

Over forty years of age.

Under ten years of age.

Tendons.

Must not donate if:

Over sixty years of age.

Under seventeen years of age.

Discretionary

Infants.

If the mother would not be excluded by the Blood & Tissues Safety Entry and agrees to testing, and all her results are negative (for the infectious markers used for whole blood donors) and the markers of infection in the infant are negative (as used for deceased donors), accept.



Eyes.

Accept at three years and older.

If donor is less than three years old:

Refer to Eye Bank.

Skin.

Accept at all ages.

See if Relevant

Blood & Tissues Safety Entry

Additional Information

The biomechanical properties and cellularity of tissues vary with age.

Reason for Change

The upper age limit for tendon donors has been raised from fifty-five to sixty years following an evidence-based review by the SAC-T.

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