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Body Piercing

Applies to the Cord Blood Donor Selection Guidelines and Bone Marrow and PBSC Donor Selection Guidelines

Please modify the entry as follows:

Including	Permanent and Semi-permanent Makeup
Obligatory	Must not donate if: Less than four months after last piercing.
Discretionary	If it is less than four months since the last body piercing, discuss with the designated medical officer who will decide if the donor may be accepted following a documented risk assessment and discussion with the transplant centre. In this scenario a negative NAT for HBV, HCV and HIV is mandatory as an extra safety check.
Additional Information	Piercing has passed infection from person to person. Waiting four months helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood & Tissue Services will be picked up. 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). 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	To allow a risk assessment to be performed when the donor is the best match for the recipient.



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