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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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