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**Applies to the Cell and Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines for Deceased Tissue Donors Live Tissue Donors, Cord Blood Donors and Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donors**

### Syphilis

Please add a 'current and former sexual partner of affected individual' section as shown below in red text.

Please note that the 'syphilis sexual contact' entry, which currently re-directs to the 'sexually transmitted disease' entry, must be redirected to the 'syphilis' entry.

#### 1. Affected Individual

*Obligatory* **Must not donate.**

*Discretionary* If fully treated in the past and confirmatory tests exclude recent infection, discuss with a **Designated Medical Officer**.

*Additional Information* The interpretation of syphilis testing is often difficult. The advice of an experienced microbiologist may be required before a decision on safety can be made.

*Reason for Change* The 'Discretionary' entry has been modified.

'Additional Information' has been added

#### 2. Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual

*Obligatory* **Must not donate if:**  
a) The potential donor required treatment.

b) The potential donor did not require treatment and it is less than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment.

*Discretionary* a) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 3 months from the last sexual contact with the infected partner, accept.

b) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment, accept.

c) If the potential donor did require treatment, refer to the 'Affected Individual' section above'

*See if Relevant* Tissue Safety Entry

*Update Information* TBC.

*Reason for change* A section covering 'Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual' has been added.

This entry has been modified in line with the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report published on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017..



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