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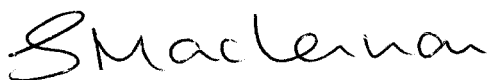
Implementation: To be determined by each Service

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Endoscopy

Applies to Bone Marrow and Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donor Selection Guidelines

Obligatory	Must not donate if: Less than four months from an examination with a flexible endoscope.
Discretionary	a) If the examination has been carried out with a rigid endoscope (eg some coloscopies and proctoscopies), the donor is well and not waiting for further tests or results, accept. b) If less than four months from an examination with a flexible endoscope, discuss with the Designated Medical Officer who will decide if the donor may be accepted on a documented balance of risks following discussion with the Transplant Centre.
See if Relevant	<u>Surgery</u>
Additional Information	Flexible endoscopes can be difficult to disinfect. There have been cases where infection has been passed from person to person by examination and biopsy using this type of instrument. 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	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).



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