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Psoriasis

Applies to Donor Selection Guidelines: Whole Blood and Components

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

Has ever taken Etretnate (Tigason).

Less than 12 months from the last dose of Acitretin (Neotigason).

Generalized or severe.

Associated with arthropathy.

There is secondary infection.

Discretionary

If mild, the venepuncture site is unaffected and only using topical treatment, accept.

Additional Information

Psoriasis is primarily a skin condition caused by an autoimmune process. About one in ten people with psoriasis may develop joint problems (psoriatic arthropathy). Sometimes the disease is treated with powerful drugs to suppress the underlying autoimmune process. This may alter the body's defence mechanisms to infection. In such cases donations should not be taken.

See

Autoimmune Disease

Reason for Change

To include a link to Autoimmune Disease. Some donors with Psoriasis are treated with immunosuppressive drugs that may affect their eligibility to donate.

Applies to Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines: Cord Blood, Live Donors and Deceased Donors

As above except:

Discretionary

If mild, and only using topical treatment, accept.



Applies to Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines Bone Marrow and PBSC

As for Donor Selection Guidelines: Whole blood and apheresis except:

Discretionary If mild, the venepuncture/harvest site is unaffected and only using topical treatment, accept.

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