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# Body Piercing

## This change applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines

Please make the following changes to the entry:

*Including* Derma-rolling, ear and body piercing, permanent and semi-permanent make-up, ~~and~~ tattooing (including memorial tattoos) and platelet rich plasma (PRP) facial.

*Obligatory* **Must not donate if:**  
Less than four months from last piercing.

*Discretionary* Painting, stencilling or transfers applied to the skin without piercing, accept.

*Additional Information* Piercing has passed infection from person to person. Waiting four months helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood and Tissues Services will be picked up.

Platelet rich plasma (PRP) facials (also known as 'Vampire Facials') have been associated with HIV transmission.

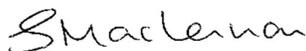
This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for hepatitis C is negative. If this test is stopped, the guidance will change.

*Information* Part of this entry is a requirement of the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

*Reason for Change* ~~This entry was updated in line with the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report published on 23rd July 2017. An obligatory deferral for PRP facials has been added.~~

**A-Z Index Changes:** Add the following keywords for this entry:

- Platelet rich plasma facial
- PRP facial
- Vampire facial®



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