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Face-to-face interviews for living donors

Applies to the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom – 7th Edition 2005

Addendum 2007 – Replacement Chapters 21 to 24 Human Tissues and Cells

22.3 Medical and behavioural history

Change to the first sentence in the first bullet.

Please delete

“Information must be obtained by face-to-face interview with the donor. This must allow for the exclusion of lifestyle infectious risks. During interviews, a mechanism should be in place to ensure that confidentiality is maximized.”

Replace with

“Information may be obtained from the donor by either face-to-face interview or by recorded telephone interview by appropriately trained tissue bank staff. This must allow for the exclusion of lifestyle infectious risks. During interviews, a mechanism should be in place to ensure that confidentiality is maximized.”

For information: The supporting paper, JPAC 08-68 Proposal to remove the requirement for face-to-face interviews for living donors, leading to this Change Notification can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website:

<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/Index.aspx?Publication=DL&Section=12&pageid=7528>.

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