

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Sexually Transmitted Disease

Please note this document supersedes CN 23-2024 (v1)
 The original version should have indicated that the change to Discretionary guidance was applied to both the 'Infected Individual' and 'Sexual Partners' subsections of the entry.

This notification includes the following changes:

BM-DSG Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell	CB-DSG Cord Blood	GDRI Geographical Disease Risk Index	TD-DSG Tissue - Deceased Donors	TL-DSG Tissue - Live Donors	WB-DSG Whole Blood & Components	Red Book Guidelines for the BTS in the UK
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Changes are indicated using the key below. This formatting will not appear in the final entry.

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1. Changes apply to the **Deceased Tissues DSG**

Sexually Transmitted Disease

(revised entry)

Infected Individual	
<i>Discretionary</i>	If fully treated, at least three months from completion of treatment, accept. Additionally, for gonorrhoea, evidence of a test of cure after treatment is required. This may be a verbal confirmation, provided by «the person answering the relevant Medical and Social History questions about» the donor «or someone with access to records of the donor's treatment».
Sexual Partner	
<i>Discretionary</i>	<p>a) Donor did not require treatment and it is more than three months since the infected partner has completed treatment, accept.</p> <p>b) Donor required treatment: if fully treated, and if it is at least three months from completion of treatment, accept. Additionally, for gonorrhoea, evidence of a test of cure after treatment is required. This may be a verbal confirmation, provided by «the person answering the relevant Medical and Social History questions about» the donor «or someone with access to records of the donor's treatment».</p> <p>c) If the donor's sexual partner has been diagnosed with chlamydia (except lymphogranuloma venereum, see (b) above), genital warts or genital herpes and the donor is asymptomatic and not undergoing treatment or investigation, accept.</p>
<i>Reason for Change</i>	<p>«Discretionary guidance updated to clarify verbal confirmation is not provided by the donor themselves.»</p> <p>Discretionary' section for 'sexual partner' updated following FAIR III report. Clarification added regarding test of cure for gonorrhoea. 'Additional Information' section added.</p>