

Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services

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These Guidelines apply to the donation and preparation of materials derived from blood, tissue and stem cells by the UK Blood Transfusion and Tissue Transplantation Services for therapeutic and diagnostic use. They reflect an expert view of current best practice, provide specifications for products and components, and describe technical details of processes. Every effort has been made to ensure that the guidelines reflect the legally binding requirements of the [Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005](#).

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