

Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services

14.1: Safety precautions

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All human cells should be treated as potentially infectious. Materials should be handled and discarded according to in-house documented procedures for potentially infectious biological materials.

Operators working with ultraviolet (UV) light should wear opaque gloves and a UV protective visor, appropriate to the wavelength emitted. Exposure should be kept to a minimum.

Alternatives to ethidium bromide for gel based detection of PCR products should be used where possible.