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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 09 2018

Hepatitis A

These changes apply to all the Tissue and Cells Donor Selection Guidelines.

Please make the following changes to the entry:

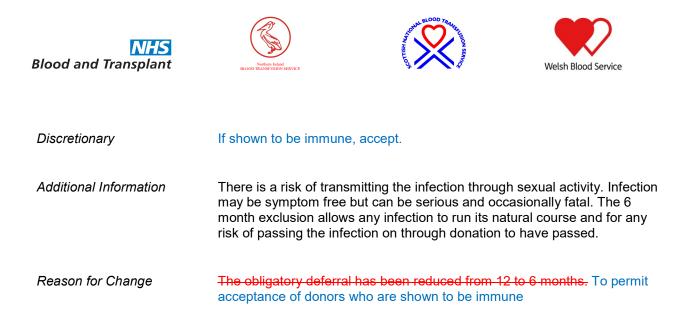
1. Affected Individual

Obligatory	Must not donate if: Less than 6 months from recovery.
Discretionary	If fully recovered, and documented HAV RNA negative, anti HAV IgG positive after recovery, accept.
See if Relevant	Travel
Additional Information	Hepatitis A is spread by the faecal - oral route and by sewage- contaminated food and water. It can also be spread sexually. There is no long term infection with the virus but there are many reports of transmission by transfusion. Infection may be symptom free but can be serious and occasionally fatal. The Blood Services do not test for this infection.
Reason for Change	The obligatory deferral has been reduced from 12 to 6 months and a discretion to accept on full recovery added. Additional Information has been updated. To permit acceptance of donors who are shown to be immune after recovery

2. Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual

Obligatory	Must not donate if: Less than 6 months from recovery of current sexual partner, or from last sexual contact if a former sexual partner.
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3. Person Currently or Formerly Sharing a Home with an Affected Individual

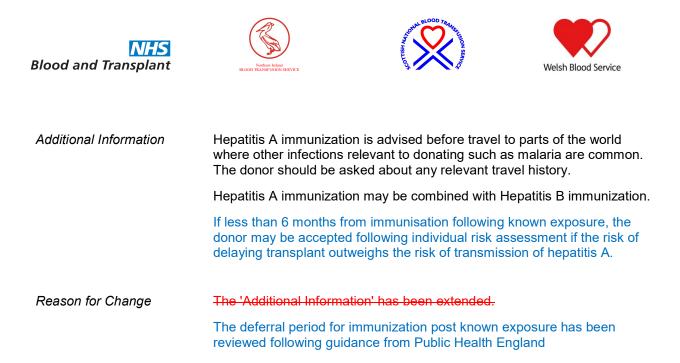
Obligatory	Must not donate if: Less than 6 months from recovery of the last affected person in the home, or from the last contact if no longer sharing.
Discretionary	If shown to be immune, accept.
Additional Information	Because hepatitis A is spread by the faecal - oral route household contacts may easily become infected. Infection may be symptom free but can be serious and occasionally fatal. The 6 month exclusion allows any infection to run its natural course and for any risk of passing the infection on through donation to have passed.
Reason for Change	The obligatory deferral has been reduced from 12 to 6 months. To permit acceptance of donors who are shown to be immune

4. Immunization

Obligatory	Known exposure. Must not donate if : Less than six weeks months after vaccine or intramuscular immunoglobulin was given.
Discretionary	No known exposure: Accept.
See if Relevant	<u>Hepatitis B - Post Immunization</u> <u>Travel</u>

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