

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Tropical Viruses

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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1. Tropical Viruses



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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 **Bone Marrow, Live Tissues** and **Deceased Tissues DSGs**

Tropical Viruses

(revised entry)

<i>Includes</i>	Chikungunya Virus, also known as CHIKV Dengue Virus, also known as Dengue Fever Yellow Fever, also known as YF Zika Virus, also known as ZIKV, and Zika Virus Fever
<i>Definition</i>	Tropical Virus Endemic Areas: are shown in the <u>Geographical Disease Risk Index</u> (GDRI) as a Tropical Virus Risk.
<i>Obligatory</i>	Must not donate if: a) It is less than six months from a donor's return from a Tropical Virus Risk endemic area and the donor has been diagnosed with Chikungunya, Dengue, Yellow Fever, or Zika virus infection whilst there or following their return to the UK. b) It is less than six months from a donor's return from a Tropical Virus Risk endemic area and the donor has either had a history of symptoms suggestive of Chikungunya, Dengue, Yellow Fever or Zika virus infection whilst there or following their return to the UK. c) In other cases it is less than four weeks from a donor's return from a Tropical Virus Risk endemic area.
<i>Discretionary</i>	All donors may be accepted six months after their return from an affected area or resolution of symptoms. This may be reduced to four weeks if they have had «no clinical» neither symptoms nor evidence of infection.
<i>See if Relevant</i>	<u>Infection - General</u> <u>Malaria</u> <u>South American Trypanosomiasis</u> The ' <u>Geographical Disease Risk Index</u> '
<i>Additional Information</i>	<i>(Additional Information varies slightly between DSGs but each entry remains unchanged)</i>
<i>Reason for Change</i>	«Discretionary guidance has been revised.»