

## Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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**Implementation:** to be determined by each Service

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### Splenectomy and ITP

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
1 Splenectomy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2 Immune Thrombocytopenia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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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 Tissue DSG**

**Splenectomy**

**(revised entry)**

<p><i>Obligatory</i></p>	<p><b>Must not donate if:</b></p> <p>a) For malignancy.</p> <p>b) For a myeloproliferative disorder.</p> <p><del>c) For immune thrombocytopenia (ITP).</del></p>
<p><i>Discretionary</i></p>	<p><b>1. All Tissues:</b></p> <p>a) If for trauma, «or if underlying reason for splenectomy is not a <a href="#">contraindication to donation, even if on prophylactic antibiotics,</a>» accept.</p> <p><del>b) If taking prophylactic antibiotics, accept.</del></p> <p><b>2. Eyes:</b></p> <p>If related to malignancy, see <a href="#">Malignancy</a>.</p>
<p><i>See if Relevant</i></p>	<p>«<a href="#">Haematological Disease</a>  <a href="#">Haemolytic Anaemia</a>»</p> <p><a href="#">Immune Thrombocytopenia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Malignancy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Transfusion</a></p>
<p><i>Reason for Change</i></p>	<p>«To update ‘obligatory’ and ‘discretionary’ sections and add ‘see if relevant’ links.»</p> <p><del>The ‘Discretionary’ entry for ‘Eyes’ (malignancy) has changed.</del></p>

## 2 Changes apply to the **Deceased Tissue DSG**

### Immune Thrombocytopenia

(revised entry)

<i>Obligatory</i>	<b>Must not donate if:</b> Associated with malignancy
<i>Discretionary</i>	If underlying cause of thrombocytopenia is not a contraindication, accept. Refer to relevant DSG entry. Refer to designated clinical support officer if further advice required.
<i>See if Relevant</i>	<b>If treated with immunoglobulin:</b> <u>Immunoglobulin Therapy</u> <u>Transfusion</u> <u>Malignancy</u> <b>If treated with plasma exchange:</b> <u>Transfusion</u> <b>If treated with immunosuppressive therapy:</b> <u>Immunosuppression</u> <b>«If treated with splenectomy:</b> <u>Splenectomy</u> <u>Transfusion»</u>
<i>Additional Information</i>	Immune thrombocytopenia can be associated with malignancies, especially haematological malignancies such as chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.
<i>Reason for Change</i>	<b>«To add link to ‘Splenectomy’ in the ‘See if Relevant’ section.»</b> <del><i>Amend the ‘Obligatory’ section, add ‘Discretionary’ and ‘Additional Information’ sections, add link to ‘immunoglobulin therapy’ and ‘malignancy’ entries.</i></del>