

*Please inform
the Blood Bank
of any subsequent
event that may
render any prior
donation unsuitable
for transfusion.*

INFECTION PREVENTION AND BLOOD DONATION

information to the
blood donor



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TO BEAR IN MIND:

Each blood unit is tested for hepatitis B and C as well as HIV.

It is not guaranteed that infection markers are detected even in an infected donor. That is the reason for the detailed health questions.

If infection markers are detected, the blood donor is contacted, permanently deferred from donating blood and the blood unit discarded.

Do not donate blood with the intention to be tested for a possible hepatitis or HIV infection.

Persons, whose behaviour, activity or sexual practices places them at risk of acquiring severe infectious diseases that may be transmitted by blood, are considered being in a risk group.

You may withdraw from donating blood at any time without giving a reason.

DO NOT DONATE IF:

1. You have had a xenotransplant or a human corneal or dura mater graft.
2. You have heard of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease or other transmissible spongiform encephalopathy in your family history.
3. You have been infected or may have been infected with hepatitis or HIV.
4. You have ever injected yourself with a drug or medicine, including body-building steroids or hormones, without a physician's prescription, even once..
5. You are a male and have had sexual contact with another male.
6. You have practiced prostitution.

Do not donate blood if your sexual partner belongs to any of the groups numbered 3- 6.

BLOOD DONATION WILL BE DEFERRED AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IF:

- You have had body piercing for jewelry.
- You have had endoscopy with a flexible instrument.
- You have had acupuncture treatment outside of a medical institution.
- You have had a tattoo or any other body piercing (i.e.electrolysis, semi-permanent make-up).
- You have had a blood transfusion or human tissue graft.
- You have had an accidental injury involving a needle and / or mucus membrane exposure to body fluids from a person considered belonging to an infection risk group.
- You have been in close household contact with anyone infected with hepatitis.
- You have been raped.
- You have used drugs by nasal inhalation.
- You have had sexual contact with a prostitute or anyone belonging to any other infection risk group.