

Hepatitis C infection - previous

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Condition

History of previous hepatitis C infection

Individual at risk

Recipient

Guidance at RECRUITMENT for adult volunteer donor and maternal donor (cord blood donation)

Unacceptable.

Individuals who have had hepatitis C in the past will usually remain HCV antibody positive for many years even if their infection has been successfully treated. A negative HCV screening test is required before a donation can be issued.

Guidance at CT/WORK-UP

Donors who are HCV antibody positive but negative for HCV RNA may be acceptable at the discretion of the requesting transplant centre.

Justification for guidance

Hepatitis C infection is transmissible by transfusion of blood and stem cells.