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FOR THE MEDIA

Abscesses	Accept after resolved and treatment completed
Acoustic Neuroma	Accept if benign, if malignant accept one year after treatment completed
Actinomycosis	Acceptable after condition resolved and treatment completed
Acute Tubular Necrosis	Accept if recovered and renal function normal
Addison's Disease	Acceptable
Adenoma	Accept if benign, if malignant defer one year after treatment completed

Agammaglobulinemia  
**Medical Conditions**

Permanent deferral  
**Eligibility**

Alpha-1-Antitrypsin

Accept if asymptomatic and not taking replacement therapy

ALS

Permanent deferral

Anaphylactoid Purpura

Accept if recovered and asymptomatic

Anaplasmosis

Accept if treatment completed & feeling well. Defer for 90 days if untreated

Aneurysms

Aortic or cerebral, if surgically corrected and asymptomatic, defer for 6 months from date of surgery. If not surgically corrected, a letter of medical clearance is needed

Angina

Acceptable 3 months after last symptom with a letter of medical clearance from physician

Angioedema

Defer if cause is genetic. Accept if stable and symptom free

Angioplasty

Accept 6 months after procedure if donor is asymptomatic, has no limitations on activity and has a letter of medical clearance

Animal bites

Domestic pets- accept if wound is healed

Animal needle stick

Defer for one year if exposed to any animal's blood through a needle stick

Ankylosing Spondylitis

Accept

Anthrax

Defer until full course of treatment is completed

Antiphospholipid Antibody  
syndrome

Accept if symptom free

**Aortic Stenosis**  
**Medical Conditions**

Accept 6 months after surgical repair if donor is asymptomatic  
**Eligibility**  
and has no limitations on activity

Arrhythmias

A donor with a history of arrhythmia can be accepted if asymptomatic, has no history of other cardiac problems and has a letter of medical clearance

Arteriovenous (AV)  
Malformation

Accept if surgically corrected and asymptomatic for 6 months from date of surgery. If not surgically corrected, a medical clearance is needed

Arthritis

Accept (both osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis)

Asbestosis

If causing permanent lung disease-permanent deferral, otherwise accept

Asthma

Accept if asymptomatic

Atrial Fibrillation

Accept if asymptomatic, has no history of other cardiac problems and has a letter of medical clearance

BCG (Bacillus Calmette  
Guerin)

Defer for 2 weeks after treatment with BCG

Bee stings

One day deferral

Bell's Palsy

Accept

Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy  
(BPH)

Accept

Bladder polyps

Accept if benign. Defer 2 weeks after treatment with BCG

Bone marrow donor

Defer for 8 weeks from marrow harvest

**Bowen's Disease**  
**Medical Conditions**

**Accept**  
**Eligibility**

Bright's Disease

Accept if no chronic renal disease

Brucellosis

Accept if treatment completed and feeling well. If untreated, defer 90 days

Buerger's Disease

Permanent deferral

Bursitis

Accept

Cancer

Defer 5 years after completion of treatment, with no recurrence for any history of leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or Hodgkin's Disease

No deferral period for localized skin cancer (basal or squamous cell and melanoma in-situ) if completely excised and healed

Defer one year after treatment is completed for other cancers in remission

Acceptable after completion of treatment for papillary thyroid carcinoma

Carcinoma-in-situ of the  
vulva, cervix or breast

Acceptable after completion of treatment

Cardiac Ablation

Acceptable after 6 months, if asymptomatic with letter of medical clearance from physician

Cardiac Arrest

Accept 6 months with a letter of medical clearance from physician

Cardiomyopathy

Accept 6 months from last symptom with a letter of medical clearance from physician

Carotid Bruit

Permanent deferral

**Medical Conditions****Eligibility**

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Accept

Casts

Accept if a simple fracture. If surgery, defer until cast removed and healed

Cat-Scratch Disease

Accept after resolved and treatment completed

Cerebral Palsy

Accept

Cervical dysplasia

Accept

Chest pain

Defer unless evaluated by MD and not due to heart disease

Chicken Pox

If not previously immunized or infected, defer 4 weeks after exposure. Defer 4 weeks from active infection

Chikungunya

Accept one month after recovery

Chlamydia

Accept

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

If diagnosed by a MD-permanent deferral

Chronic Granulomatosis

Permanent deferral

Cirrhosis

Permanent deferral

Coagulation Factor  
Deficiencies

Permanent deferral except for Factor XII (12) deficiency

Coccidiomycosis

Permanent deferral if disseminated or extrapulmonary. If pulmonary, defer 1 year after diagnosis provided treatment is complete

Cold sore <b>Medical Conditions</b>	Accept if dry and healing <b>Eligibility</b>
Colds	Defer for active symptoms of a cold, flu or upper respiratory infection and for 3 days after symptoms have subsided
Colitis	Defer for 3 days after last episode of diarrhea
Collagen Vascular Diseases	Accept if asymptomatic
Congenital heart disease	Accept if asymptomatic with no limitation of activity. If surgically corrected, accept after 6 months if asymptomatic with no limitation of activity
Congestive heart failure	Accept 6 months from last symptom resolved with a letter of medical clearance from physician
Conjunctivitis	Defer until resolved
Contrast for medical imaging	Defer for 48 hours
Convulsions	Accept if no seizure in the past month
COPD	Accept if asymptomatic
Coronary artery bypass surgery	Accept 6 months after surgery if donor is asymptomatic with no limitation on activity and has a letter of medical clearance. If due to a heart attack, accept one year later if asymptomatic with no limit on activity and with a letter of medical clearance
Costochondritis	Accept
Covid 19	Defer 14 days from positive test and/or and resolution of symptoms
Coxsackie Virus	Accept if recovered and no jaundice occurred

**Medical Conditions****Eligibility**

Crest Syndrome

Accept if asymptomatic

Crohn's disease

Accept if asymptomatic and no diarrhea for 3 days

Cryptococcosis

Accept if asymptomatic. Permanent deferral if extrapulmonary

Cryptosporidiosis

Accept if asymptomatic and off treatment

Cushing Syndrome

Accept if cured

Cystic Fibrosis

Accept if no current respiratory infection

Cystitis

Accept after resolved and treatment completed

Deep Vein Thrombosis  
(DVT)

Accept if resolved and at least one month after completion of anticoagulant therapy

Dengue Fever

Acceptable 28 days after resolution of symptoms

Dermatomyositis

Accept if asymptomatic

Diabetes Mellitus

Accept- if on insulin must be stable and have eaten before donation

Diabetes Insipidus

Accept

Dialysis

Permanent deferral

Diarrhea

Defer for 3 days

Diverticular Disease

Accept if symptom free for 3 days

Ebola

Defer 28 days after contact with an infected person. Defer one year after having Ebola virus disease

## Medical Conditions

## Eligibility

Ehlers Danlos Syndrome	Acceptable
Ehrlichiosis	Accept if asymptomatic and treatment completed
Embolism	<p>Pulmonary embolism: accept if resolved and at least one month after completion of anticoagulant treatment.</p> <p>Brain embolism: accept if one year after the stroke, and donor is stable without deficits and anticoagulant therapy completed for at least one month</p> <p>Limb embolism: Accept if resolved and at least one month since completion of anticoagulant therapy</p>
Emphysema	Accept if asymptomatic
Encephalitis	Accept 4 weeks after recovery
Endocarditis	Accept if condition resolved and treatment completed
Endometriosis	Accept
Epstein Barr	Accept if recovered
Erythema nodosum	Accept if recovered and asymptomatic
Esophagitis	Accept if asymptomatic and no underlying disease
Factor V Leiden	<p>RBC only, if off anticoagulant therapy for at least one month.</p> <p>No plasma or platelets</p>
Factor XI deficiency	Permanent deferral
Factor XII deficiency	Accept



<b>Medical Conditions</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
Fibromyalgia	Accept
Fibromyositis	Accept
Fifth Disease	Defer 21 days after exposure
Food Poisoning	Defer for 72 hours after symptoms stop
G6PD deficiency	Accept for platelets. Defer for blood
Genital herpes	Accept
Genital warts	Accept
Giardiasis	Accept after resolved and treatment completed
Gilbert's Disease	Accept
Glomerulonephritis	Permanent deferral if chronic renal disease
Gout	Accept
Granuloma Annulare	Accept as long as antecubital area not involved
Granuloma Inguinale	Accept after treatment completed and lesions healed
Grave's Disease	Accept once donor has normal thyroid function
Grover's disease	Accept if antecubital area is not involved
Guillain-Barre	Accept if resolved and asymptomatic
Hashimoto's disease	Accept

**Medical Conditions****Eligibility**

Heart attack	Accept 6 months with a letter of medical clearance from physician
Heart murmur	Accept if asymptomatic and has no activity limitations
Hemachromatosis	Permanent deferral
Hematuria	Defer until evaluated by MD
Hemophilia	Permanent deferral
Henoch-Schonlein Purpura	Defer until disease inactive. Permanent deferral if renal failure present
Hepatitis A	Defer for 120 days after diagnosis
Hereditary Spherocytosis	Defer for blood donation. Accept for platelets and plasma
Hirschsprung's Disease	Accept if resolved and asymptomatic
Histoplasmosis	Accept if inactive disease, defer if disease is active
Human bite	Defer one year if skin was broken
Huntington's Disease	Accept
Hyper or hypoparathyroidism	Accept if asymptomatic
Hypoglycemia	Accept
Irritable bowel syndrome	Defer for 3 days after last episode of diarrhea
Isosporiasis	Permanent deferral if chronic intestinal infection

**Medical Conditions**  
ITP

**Eligibility**  
Acceptable if completely recovered

Jaundice

Permanent deferral if cause is unknown or associated with hepatitis B or C. Accept if jaundice as a newborn, secondary to gallstones or mono, Gilbert’s disease or drug sensitivity

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