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Surgery

This change applies to the Cord Blood Donor Selection Guidelines

Please amend the following sections of this entry:

Discretionary:	 If for Cervical Carcinoma in Situ (CIN) or Basal Cell Carcinoma and all other criteria are fulfilled, accept. Major surgery: If more than four months from the procedure and NAT for HCV is performed, accept. If less than six four months from the major surgery or less than seven days from other surgery procedure, discuss with the Designated Medical Officer who will decide if the mother may be accepted on a balance of risks. The risk analysis must be discussion with the Transplant Centre.
See if Relevant:	Basal Cell Carcinoma Cervical Carcinoma in Situ Complementary therapy Neurosurgery Ocular Surgery Tissue and Organ Recipients Transfusion Xenotransplantation
Additional Information:	Surgery may place the mother at risk of infection, either from unhealed wounds or due to infection risks from infected staff or equipment. Although these risks are very small it is important to wait long enough for the risks to have gone. eruntil the tests performed by the Blood & Tissues Services can pick up any infection that they test for that may have been transmitted to the mother by surgery.
Reason for Change:	To provide a more accurate definition of 'major surgery' that reflects current clinical practice in the NHS. To align the 'Obligatory' and 'Discretionary' entries.

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