

## **Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services**

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Every effort is made to prevent transmission of disease by careful and appropriate selection of donors. This includes ensuring that the donor is provided with clear, understandable and up-to-date information and also ensuring that the donor has understood this information (see Chapter 5).

Donors must be assessed for their exposure to any risk of acquiring a transfusion-transmissible infection. The latest JPAC *Donor Selection Guidelines*<sup>1</sup> should be consulted for any donor with a relevant exposure history.