



Medication Deferral List

This list of medications must be read prior to completing the questionnaire.

Please tell us if you are now taking or if you have EVER taken any of these medications:

- **Proscar[®]** (finasteride) usually given for prostate gland enlargement
- **Avodart[®], Jalyn[™]** (dutasteride) usually given for prostate gland enlargement
- **Propecia[®], Proscar[®]** (finasteride) usually given for baldness
- **Absorica[™], Accutane[®], Amnesteem[®], Claravis[™], Myorisan[™], Sotret[®], Zenatane[®]** (isotretinoin) usually given for severe acne
- **Soriatane[®]** (acitretin) usually given for severe psoriasis
- **Tegison[®]** (etretinate) usually given for severe psoriasis
- **Growth Hormone from Human Pituitary Glands** usually given for children with delayed or impaired growth
- **Insulin from Cows (Bovine or Beef Insulin)** used to treat diabetes
- **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin** given following exposure to hepatitis B
NOTE: This is different from the hepatitis B vaccine which is a series of 3 injections given over a 6 month period to prevent future infection from exposure to hepatitis B.
- **Unlicensed Vaccine** usually associated with a research protocol
- **Effient[®]** (prasugrel), **Plavix[®]** (clopidogrel), **Brilinta[®]** (ticagrelor), **Ticlid[®]** (ticlopidine) usually given to reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke
- **Feldene[®]** (piroxicam), **Aspirin**, Aspirin containing products given for mild to moderate arthritis pain
- **Gold Therapy** usually given to treat rheumatoid arthritis
- **Methotrexate** usually given to treat cancer, autoimmune diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, systemic lupus erythematosus), and ectopic pregnancies.
- **Heparin, Arixtra[®]** (Fondaparinux), **Fragmin[®]** (Dalteparin), **Lovenox[®]** (Enoxaparin), **Angiomax/Angiox[®]** (Bivalirudin), **Argatroban[®]** **Eliquis[®]** (Apixaban), **Pradaxa[®]** (Dabigatran), and **Xarelto[®]** (Rivaroxaban) usually given to treat and prevent blood clots in the veins, arteries, or lungs.
- **Coumadin[®], Jantoven[®], Warfilone[®]** (warfarin) usually given to treat and prevent blood clots in the veins, arteries, or lungs.

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THESE MEDICINES AFFECT YOU AS A BLOOD DONOR,
PLEASE KEEP READING:**

- If you have taken or are taking **Proscar, Avodart, Jalyn, Propecia, Absorica, Accutane, Zenatane or another drug containing isotretinoin, Soriatane, or Tegison**, these medications can cause birth defects. Your donated blood could contain high enough levels to damage an unborn baby if transfused to a pregnant woman. Once the medication has been cleared from your blood, you may donate again. Following the last dose, the deferral period is one month for Proscar, Propecia, Absorica, Accutane, Zenatane and other drugs containing isotretinoin, six months for Avodart and Jalyn, and three years for Soriatane. Tegison is a permanent deferral.
- **Growth hormone derived from human pituitary glands** was prescribed for children with delayed or impaired growth. The hormone was originally obtained from human pituitary glands found in the brain; since the mid 1980's, biosynthetic (recombinant) human growth hormone replaced pituitary-derived human growth hormone for therapeutic use in the U.S. and elsewhere. Individuals who took human-derived growth are at risk for developing a rare nervous system condition called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD, for short). The deferral is permanent.
- **Insulin from cows (bovine, or beef, insulin)** is an injected material used to treat diabetes. Prior to the early 1980s and the development of recombinant human insulin, most insulin was derived from pigs and cows. Animal-derived insulin is associated with a minimal risk of contracting infectious diseases. If this insulin was imported into the U.S. from countries in which "Mad Cow Disease" has been found, it could contain material from infected cattle. There is concern that "Mad Cow Disease" is transmitted by transfusion. The deferral is permanent.
- **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG)** is an injected material used to prevent infection following an exposure to hepatitis B. HBIG does not prevent hepatitis B infection in every case, therefore persons who have received HBIG must wait 12 months to donate blood to be sure they were not infected since hepatitis B can be transmitted through transfusion to a patient.
- **Unlicensed Vaccine** is usually associated with a research protocol and the effect on blood transmission is unknown. Deferral is one year from the receipt of the unlicensed vaccine.
- **Plavix, Ticlid, Effient** and **Brilinta** are medications that can decrease the chance of a heart attack or stroke in individuals at risk for these conditions. Since these medications can affect platelets, anyone taking one of these drugs will not be able to donate platelets for 14 days after the last dose. Use of these medications will not prohibit whole blood donations.
- **Feldene** is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug that can affect platelet function. A donor taking Feldene will not be able to donate platelets for 2 days after the last dose; however, its use will not affect whole blood donations.
- **Gold Therapy** is used most often to treat rheumatoid arthritis. It is sometimes used to treat juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis. A donor taking gold therapy treatment is not eligible to donate for 3 months after the last dose.
- **Methotrexate** is used to treat several kinds of cancer including cancer of the blood, bone, lung, breast, head or neck. It is also used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis (a skin disease) and ectopic pregnancies. When taken for conditions other than a malignancy, the deferral duration is 3 months. If taken for a malignancy, the deferral is permanent.
- **Heparin and other non-Coumadin anticoagulants** are often used to treat and prevent blood clots in the veins, arteries, or lungs. Donors currently taking these drugs will be deferred.
- **Coumadin® (warfarin) and other similar anticoagulants** are often used to treat and prevent blood clots in the veins, arteries, or lungs. Donors taking these drugs will not be able to donate platelets or plasma for 7 days after the last dose; however, its use will not affect whole blood donations.

INFORMATION FOR PLATELET DONORS ONLY: DRUGS THAT AFFECT PLATELET FUNCTION

Medications Containing Aspirin or Aspirin-Containing Compounds

- A -**
 Aggrenox® (Aspirin and Dipyridamole)
 Alka-Seltzer®
 Aluprin
 Anacin
Angiomax®
Angiox™
 Anodynos
 Ansemco #2 Tablets
 Anthopan
 APC
Apixaban (Eliquis®)
Argatroban®
Arixtra®
 Arthritis Pain Formula
 Arthritis Strength Bufferin
 ASA
 Asacol
 ASA Compound Capsules
 ASA Enseals
 Ascodene-30
 Ascriptin
 Aspergum
 Aspirin Suppositories
 Aspir 10 (valve)
 Aspirin (Generic)
 Axotal
 Azdone
- B-**
 Bayer®
 BC All Clear
 BC Tablets & Powder
Bivalirudin (Angiomax/Angiox)
Brilinta® – 14 days
 Buf Tablets
 Buff A
 Buff-A-Comp Tablets
 Buffadyne
 Buffaprin
 Bufferin
 Buffets
 Buffex
 Buffinol
- C -**
 Cama (In-Lay Tablets)
 Cetased, Improved
Clopidogrel (Plavix®) – 14 days
 Congespirin
 COPE
 Coricidin
 Cosprin
Coumadin® – 7 days
 CP2 Tablets
- D -**
Dabigatran Etexilate (Pradaxa®)
Dalteparin (Fragmin®)
 Darvon
 Dasin
 Dipyridamole
 Doans
 Dolobid
 Dolprin #3
 Duoprin Capsules
 Duorprin-S Syrup
 Duradyne
- E -**
 Easprin
 Ecotrin
Effient® - 14 days
Eliquis®
 Emagrin
 Empirin
 Emprazil
Enoxaparin (Lovenox®)
 Epromate
 Equagesic
 Equazine
 Excedrin®
- F -**
Feldene®
 Fiogesic
 Fiorgen PF
 Fiorinal
 Fiorial
 Fizrin Powder
Fondaparinux (Arixtra®)
 Four-Way Cold Tablets
Fragmin®
- G -**
 Gaysal-S Tablets
 Gelpirin
 Gemnisyn
 Genprin
 Gensan
 Goody's Headache Power
 Gongsprin
- H, I -**
 Heartline
 Headrin
Heparin
 Hipirin
 Isollyl
- J, K, L –**
Jantoven® – 7 days
 Kaodene Non-Narcotic
 Lanoprinol
 Lortab ASA Tablets
Lovenox®
- M-**
 Magnaprin
 Marnal
 Measurin (Time-Released)
 Micrainin
 Midol®
 Mobigesic
 Momentum Muscle Backache Formula
 Monacet w/Codeine
- N -**
 Norwich Aspirin
 Norgestic Forte
- O, P -**
 Orphengesic
 Pabizol with Paragoric (Rexall)
 Pabralate
 Pabrin
 PAC Analgesic Tablets
 Painaid
 Panasal
 Panodynes Analgesic
 Percodan Tablets
 Pepto Bismol®
 Persantine®
 Persistan
Piroxacam (Feldene®)
Plavix® - 14 days
Pradaxa®
Prasugrel (Effient®) – 14 days
 Presalin
 Pyrroxate
- Q, R -**
 Rhinocaps
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®)
 Robaxisal Tablets
 Roxiprim
- S -**
 Saletto
 Salocol
 Sine-off
 SK-65 Compound
 Sodol
 Soma
 St. Joseph Aspirin
 St. Joseph Aspirin (Children's Chewable)
 St. Joseph Cold (Tablets for Children)
 Stanback Tablets & Powder
 Stero-Darbon w/A.S.A.
 Supac
 Suprin
 Synalgos Capsules
- T -**
 Talwin Compound
 Tenol-Plus
Ticagrelor (Brilinta®) – 14 days
Ticlid® – 14 days
Ticlopidine (Ticlid®) – 14 days
 Triagesic
 Triaminicin Tablets
 Trili sate SA
 Tri-pain
- U,V,W,X,Y,Z -**
 Uracel 5
 Ursinus
 Vanquish Caplets
 Verin
 Viro-Med Tablets
Warfarin® – 7 days
Warfilone® – 7 days
 Wesprin Buffered
Xarelto®
 Zee-Seltzer
 Zorprin