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SAME LETTER TO: All RTDs - England and Wales

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Dear Mancela,

There are three matters on which I will be grateful for information.

- (1) Counselling of HCV seropositive donors
 - 1.1 What arrangements have you made?
 - 1.2 What are the criteria for repeat tests and counselling?
- (2) Anti-HBc testing
 - 2.1 Are you performing anti-HBc tests on blood/plasma donations?
 - 2.2 What are the criteria for carrying out the test?
 - 2.3 What action do you take when a positive result is found?
- (3) ALT testing
 - 3.1 Are you carrying out ALT tests on blood/plasma donations?
 - 3.2 What are the criteria for carrying out the test?

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- 3.3 What do you define as an abnormal result?
- 3.4 What action do you take when you find an abnormal result?

Thanking you in advance for the information. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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H.H. GUNSON, National Director

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