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Dear Sirs

Interim Guidelines on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome - AIDS

I am in receipt of the above document dated January 1985. As a haemophilia Director with a large haemophilia practice at Manchester Royal Infirmary, I would like clarification of the measures required for dealing with blood samples of patients with haemophilia.

My two questions, specifically are:

- 1 In the absence of results of anti-HIV3 tests being available, should I assume that each of my haemophiliacs comes into the categories described in 35. 'patients in whom AIDS or PGL is suspected or has been diagnosed'?
- and
- 2 Do samples from these patients meet the requirements described in 36, where containment level 3 facilities for manual work are required?

An early reply to these two questions would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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