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Dear Professor Cash

**HCV TESTING : RED CELL DONATIONS FOR SNBTS  
ANTI-D IMMUNISATION/BOOSTING PROGRAMME**

Thank you for your note indicating it would be now acceptable to "go official" on anti-HCV testing of red cell donors used for boosting.

In actual practice, we had anticipated this likelihood and our last SNBTS Guidelines (February 1990) includes a provision for anti-HCV testing as and when available. There is therefore no need for the Guidelines themselves to be revised and I understand that retrospective accreditation of current red cell donors has been undertaken in the West.

Subject to confirmation that this is actually being done and documented, everything regarding anti-HCV testing is in place.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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