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30 January 1986.

To: Medical Officer in Charge
 Hospital Blood Bank.

Dear Doctor,

Enclosed please find a notice regarding the current status of blood products and HTLV III antibody testing. It would be appreciated if you could distribute the notice to the relevant personnel in your hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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T.J. Walsh, M.B., M.R.C.Path.,
 Consultant Haematologist.

Encl.

Sent to all regular recipients of
 'long weekend' blood supplies arrangements
 in Dublin and Country.

Dr. Barry gave copy to Regional Centre and
 they're taking care of their regions from
 Cork.

Sent copies to Limerick Regional Hospital
 Dooradoyle, Limerick.

Limerick Maternity Hospital
 St. Munchins, Limerick.

County Hospital, Ennis, Co. CI

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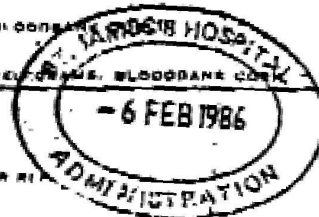
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RE: BLOOD PRODUCTS AND HTLV-III ANTIBODY SCREENING



All blood donations collected since mid-October 1985 have been tested for antibodies to HTLV-III. It is possible that some products prepared prior to that time with a prolonged shelf-life may still be in circulation. The Blood Transfusion Service Board (BTSB) will now replace such unused products with equivalent material prepared since HTLV-III antibody screening was introduced. With regard to blood and blood products in general, the following points should be noted:-

- 'Fresh' whole blood - issued within 24 hours of collection will not have been tested.
- Platelet Concentrates - issued within 24 hours of collection will not have been tested. The BTSB is actively pursuing an alternative method of platelet storage to ensure that testing can be performed on the majority of routine platelets issued.
- Fresh frozen plasma - donations collected since 21 October 1985 have been tested. Any units with a collection date prior to that should now be returned to Pelican House.
- Freeze-dried plasma - units with an expiry date prior to December 1990 have not been tested. Such units should be returned to Pelican House.
- Albumin, Normal Human Immunoglobulin for intramuscular injection and Anti-D Immunoglobulin for intravenous use:-
These derivatives, due to their method of manufacture, are believed to be free from risk of viral disease transmission.
- Fibrinogen - It will not be possible to have Fibrinogen prepared from tested donations for some considerable time. Users should consider using cryoprecipitate prepared from tested donations as an alternative where practical.
- Cryoprecipitate - All cryoprecipitates issued prior to January 1986 have not been tested. Any unused units issued prior to that time should now be returned.
- Factor VIII and Factor IX Concentrates - All commercial Factor VIII now issued is heat treated. Non-heat treated material should be returned to the manufacturer. Heat treated commercial Factor IX concentrate is now available. It is hoped that heat treated Factor IX prepared by the BTSB will shortly be available.

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