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AUSTRALIA (HEPATITIS-ASSOCIATED) ANTIGEN

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Summary

Annexed to this memorandum is a Report by an Advisory Group on testing for the presence of Australia (Hepatitis-Associated) Antigen. Boards are asked to arrange to test blood donations and other blood specimens in accordance with its recommendations.

1. In 1970 a Committee was set up to advise the Secretaries of State for Social Services, Scotland and Wales, on the testing of blood donations and specimens for Australia (Hepatitis-Associated) Antigen and its antibody. Its Report is annexed to this Memorandum.
2. The Report has been accepted by the Secretaries of State for Social Services and Wales. Boards are asked to implement its recommendations and to arrange for all blood donations in their Region to be tested. Attention is drawn to the advice that tests for Australia (Hepatitis-Associated) Antigen in specimens other than blood donations should only be undertaken in laboratories directed by a consultant virologist.
3. Hospital Management Committees and Boards of Governors are asked to draw the attention of all Consultant Pathologists to this Report.

To: Regional Hospital Boards
Boards of Governors
Hospital Management Committees

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