



NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

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Your patient above is a new blood donor, and routine testing of a blood donation taken on 8~ is positive for hepatitis C antibody (reports enclosed). The donor has been informed of this and has been given this information to bring to you. We have further tested 9~ blood for Hepatitis B, Syphilis and HIV 1 and 2 antibody and I enclose these results.

The laboratory finding of hepatitis C antibody indicates infection at some time in the past. The patient may still have infectious virus present and has therefore been asked not to donate blood again as recipients of the blood might develop Hepatitis C. As this is a relatively 'new' disease and knowledge about it is sparse though rapidly developing, I enclose some information which you may find useful when discussing our results with your patient. It would be advisable to have this patient's liver function fully assessed by a specialist department. Dr. Joan Trowell or Dr. Chapman at the John Radcliffe Hospital are willing to see our blood donors for this problem.

Dr. John Kurtz, the Virologist for the Public Health Laboratory Service, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, is very keen to obtain clotted blood samples from sexual partners of people found to be anti HCV Positive. If you can help by sending a blood sample, please address it to Dr. Kurtz and state the relationship to the named person with anti HCV. This will be of great assistance in increasing knowledge about the infectivity and mode of spread of the Hepatitis C virus.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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