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Christopher A. Ludlam, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Ludlam:

In response to your inquiry regarding HTLVIII infectivity precautions, at the present time there are no special steps being taken at our institution regarding antibody positive patients for the following reasons:

1. the test is not licensed at this time, nor are its findings conclusive
2. 85% of all hemophilia patients are antibody positive
3. there is no proven relationship between the antibody and antigen.

However, you may be interested to know that Dr. Elaine Eyster of the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania reports that all hemophiliacs who are high concentrate users who are admitted are isolated for blood and secretions. This practice was instituted two years ago when AIDS and hemophilia were first associated and is still in effect. In addition, the technicians in her clinic wear gloves.

I hope you will find this information helpful.

Very truly yours,

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