National Blood Transfusion Service

TO: All Pathologists in charge of Blood Banks.

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Director: Dr J Darnborough, MB, ChB, FRCPath

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Dear Doctor.

Australia (Hepatitis Associated) Antigen and Antibody
Testing of Blood Donations.

For quite some time now a high proportion of all donations have been tested for the Au antigen and antibody and over the last few weeks all donations have been tested and we are now in a position to say that as from Monday, December 4th, all blood issues from here (other than very fresh blood), will have been tested and found negative for Au antigen and antibody.

The only exception will be very fresh blood or blood fractions issued within 2 to 3 hours of collection; as at present these will be issued as untested blood.

Yours sincerely,

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J. Darnborough.
Director.

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