

From MR. HOWELL To MRS. POOLE, MISS ROGERS
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RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE 'J' DONOR SYSTEM

Following recent extensive discussion on the handling of donors involved in cases of post-transfusion hepatitis it has been decided to re-introduce the original 'J' donor system to facilitate identification of these donors when they next donate. In view of the number of cases and donors involved it will be necessary to make some minor modifications to the system and these are summarised below:

ACTION BY SECRETARIAT AND LABORATORY

Once the donors dates of bleed have been identified for each patient, those bled within the last year should be highlighted and list sent to Mr. Roach in case serum is still available for onward transmission to the PHLS and to the Biochemistry Department at the M.R.I. If serum is available Mr. Roach or Mr. Warburton should make arrangements to despatch the sera to the two destinations indicated, accompanied by appropriate request forms. The Biochemistry request form should be made out in the Secretariat with a strict instruction to mark the returning report 'LBR' so that it can be readily identified. The forms should be sent to Virology and should accompany the package which in the case of M.R.I. should be left in the Apheresis Suite for collection. PHLS specimens should be despatched in keeping with current procedures. If samples can be recovered and the tests completed the Secretariat will send the list of names to the R.D.O.'s Department so that the manual records can be marked 'J' and the computerised records 'JND'.

If samples are not available for testing the instruction should be to initially mark the records 'LBR' J and to take an additional 20ml sample at the next donation. At this point the master index cards should be marked 'LBR' J and at the next donation 'LBR' J should be shown on the blood collecting sheet heralding the re-appearance of the donor and prompting the need to send samples to the PHLS, Withington and the Biochemistry Department at the M.R.I. The notation should distinguish between previous 'J' donors and the new donors whose samples require further testing. The procedure for the despatch of samples should be as indicated previously. Once the tests have been completed the instructions to the R.D.O.'s Department will be:

to either Withdraw the donor
 Remove 'LBR' and leave the records annotated with 'J' or 'JND'
 Remove all 'J' notations from the records

ACTION BY R.D.O.'s DEPARTMENT

In future the team clerks should be instructed to convey any 'J' notations to the blood collection sheet, 'JND' on computerised records being interpreted as 'J'.

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Initially, new donors implicated in post-transfusion hepatitis should have their records marked 'LBR' J with an instruction to take a further 20ml sample at the next donation. Appropriate instructions will be sent by the Laboratory Secretariat to mark the records in this way.

Once the tests have been completed instructions will be received to either, withdraw the donor, delete the 'LBR' and leave the records marked 'J', or to remove the 'LBR' J notation altogether. /

Clarify.

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From DR. LOVE To MR. ROACH
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POST-TRANSFUSION HEPATITIS: DONOR FOLLOW-UP

Please make sure that all samples being sent for testing to Dr. Craske at Withington or Biochemistry (Dr. France), M.R.I., are accompanied by an appropriate letter indicating the diagnosis and source of the samples. I enclose specimen letters for your information. In future, Jane will send the signed letters from me accompanying the request for investigation.

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