

- From August 1st 1996 Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom are required to ask all blood donors whether they have a family history of CJD.
- Collection team staff will enquire about this routinely, in confidence, during the usual pre-donation interview.
- Where a close family member with CJD is a direct blood line relative e.g., parent, brother, child, people will be advised not to give blood.
- CJD is a very rare condition which affects approximately 1 person per million population each year. In extremely rare cases it runs in families. This is the reason for excluding close family members of people suffering from CJD.
- Much research is being carried out on CJD. Until more is known about it, the Blood Transfusion Services are simply being extra cautious.

- There is no evidence that CJD can be transmitted from person to person by blood transfusion.
- If you have been advised not to donate because of a family history of CJD, you will shortly receive an explanatory letter from a senior doctor at your local Blood Centre. In the meantime, should you have any urgent queries or concerns, please contact:

Consultant in Charge of Donor Care
Trent Blood Transfusion Service
Longley Lane
Sheffield
S5 7JN

Telephone 01142 424242

Thank you for your co-operation.



CREUTZFELDT- JAKOB DISEASE

INFORMATION FOR BLOOD DONORS

From August 1st 1996

Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom must ask all blood donors if any person in their family has ever had **Creutzfeldt - Jakob Disease (CJD)**.

At your first visit you will be asked about this by a member of the collection team. All information given is private and confidential.

If a close family member now has, or has had CJD, for example a parent, grandparent, brother, sister or a child, you will not be able to give blood.

CJD is very rare and affects approximately 1 person to every million people each year.

CJD sometimes can be passed down in families. This is why blood cannot be used from people whose close family members are or have been sufferers of CJD.

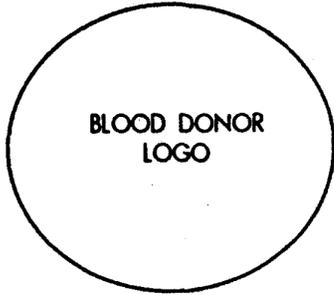
The causes of CJD are being researched all the time. The Blood Transfusion Service must know more about this disease and so extra care is being taken. There is no proof that CJD can be passed on from one person to another through a blood transfusion.

- * If you are told not to donate blood because of your family history of CJD, you will be sent a letter explaining why from a senior doctor from the Blood Donor Centre. If you have any questions or are worried about CJD, please contact:

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Thank you for your help in this matter.



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June 1997.