**BLOOD DONOR ELIGIBILITY- (NOVEMBER 8, 2017)**

**Testing of blood donations** consists of 1-Determining the **ABO** blood group and Rh blood type of the donated unit, 2- Testing for **red cell antibodies**, and 3-Performing **infectious disease screening** for the following agents: human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-1, HIV-2, human T-lymphotropic virus (HTLV)-I, HTLV-II, hepatitis C...

**The current FDA recommendations for donor referral provide:**

(**American Red Cross**- all blood donors are required to meet FDA eligibility standards)

1. Defer indefinitely an individual who has ever had a positive test for HIV.
2. Defer indefinitely an individual who has ever exchanged sex for money or drugs.
3. Defer indefinitely an individual who has ever engaged in injection drug use that was not prescribed.
4. Defer for 12 months from the most recent contact any individual who has a history of sex with a person who: has ever had a positive test for HIV, ever exchanged sex for money or drugs, or ever engaged in non-prescription injection drug use.
5. Defer for 12 months from the most recent transfusion any individual who has a history of receiving a transfusion of Whole Blood or blood components donated by another person.
6. Defer for 12 months from the most recent exposure any individual who has a history of through-the-skin contact with the blood of another individual, such as a needle stick or blood contact with an open wound or mucous membrane.
7. Defer for 12 months from the most recent tattoo, ear or body piercing. (Exceptions: Individuals are eligible to donate: a-who have undergone tattooing within 12 months of donation if the tattoo was applied by a state regulated entity with sterile needles and non-reused ink. b- who have undergone ear or body piercing within 12 months of donation if the piercing was done using single-use equipment.)
8. Defer for 12 months after completion of treatment any individual with a history of syphilis or gonorrhea or a history of diagnosis or treatment for syphilis or gonorrhea in the past 12 months.
9. Defer for 12 months from the most recent contact a man who has had sex with another man during the past 12 months.
10. Defer for 12 months from the most recent contact a female who has had sex during the past 12 months with a man who has had sex with another man in the past 12 months.
11. There is no deferral for a woman who has had sex with another woman.
12. There is no deferral associated with being transgender. Eligibility will be based upon criteria associated with gender donor has reported. FDA’s recommendation to blood establishments is that in the context of the donor history questionnaire, male or female gender should be self-identified and self-reported for the purpose of blood donation