

## MEDICATION DEFERRAL LIST

Please tell us if you have **EVER** taken any of these medications:

- ❑ **Growth Hormone from Human Pituitary Glands** – used usually for children with delayed or impaired growth
- ❑ **Insulin from Cows (Bovine, or Beef, Insulin)** – used to treat diabetes
- ❑ **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin** – given following an exposure to hepatitis B  
**NOTE:** This is different from the hepatitis B vaccine, which is a series of 3 injections given over a 6 month period to prevent future infection from exposures to hepatitis B.
- ❑ **Unlicensed Vaccine** – usually associated with a research protocol

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THESE MEDICINES AFFECT YOU AS A DONOR, PLEASE KEEP READING:**

- **Growth hormone from human pituitary glands** was prescribed for children with delayed or impaired growth. The hormone was obtained from human pituitary glands, which are found in the brain. Some people who took this hormone developed a rare nervous system condition called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD, for short). Potential donors who have taken growth hormone from human pituitary glands should be evaluated by the Medical Director.
- **Insulin from cows (bovine, or beef, insulin)** is an injected material used to treat diabetes. If this insulin was imported into the US from countries in which “Mad Cow Disease” has been found, it could contain material from infected cattle. There is concern that “Mad Cow Disease” is transmitted by transfusions and transplants. Potential donors who have taken insulin from cows should be evaluated by the Medical Director.
- **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG)** is an injected material used to prevent infection following an exposure to hepatitis B. HBIG does not prevent hepatitis B infection in every case, therefore potential donors who have taken hepatitis B Immune Globulin should be evaluated by the Medical Director to be sure they were not infected. Hepatitis B can be transmitted, through transfusions and transplants, to a patient.
- **Unlicensed vaccine** is usually associated with a research protocol and the effect with regard to stem cell recipients is unknown. Potential donors who have taken unlicensed vaccines should be evaluated by the Medical Director.