



Medication Deferral List

DO NOT STOP taking medications prescribed by your doctor in order to donate blood.

Donating while taking these drugs could have a negative effect on your health or on the health of the recipient of your blood.

PLEASE TELL US IF YOU...

Are being treated with any of the following types of medications:	or have taken:	which is also called:	anytime in the last:	
Anti-platelet agents: Usually taken to prevent stroke or heart attack (deferral applies only to Platelet and/or Plasma donations via apheresis)	Feldene	piroxicam	2 Days	
	Effient	prasugrel	3 Days	
	Brilinta	ticagrelor	7 Days	
	Plavix	clopidogrel	14 Days	
	Ticlid	ticlopidine		
	Zontivity	vorapaxar	1 Month	
Anticoagulants or “blood thinners”: Usually to prevent blood clots in the legs and lungs and to prevent strokes (deferral applies only to Platelet and/or Plasma donations via apheresis)	Arixtra	fondaparinux	2 Days	
	Eliquis	apixaban		
	Fragmin	dalteparin		
	Lovenox	enoxaparin		
	Pradaxa	dabigatran		
	Savaysa	edoxaban		
	Xarelto	rivaroxaban		
	Coumadin, Warfilone, Jantoven	warfarin	7 Days	
Heparin, low molecular weight heparin				
Acne treatment	Accutane Amnesteem Absorica Claravis	Myorisan Sotret Zenatane	isotretinoin	1 Month
Multiple myeloma	Thalomid		thalidomide	
Rheumatoid arthritis	Rinvoq		upadacitinib	
Hair loss remedy	Propecia		finasteride	
Prostate symptoms	Proscar		finasteride	
	Avodart Jalyn		dutasteride	6 Months
Immunosuppressant	Cellcept		mycophenolate mofetil	6 Weeks
HIV Prevention (PrEP and PEP)	Truvada, Descovy, Tivicay, Isentress		tenofovir, emtricitabine dolutegravir, raltegravir	3 Months
	Apretude-injectable HIV prevention		cabotegravir	2 Years
Basal cell skin cancer	Erivedge Odomzo		vismodegib sonidegib	24 Months
Relapsing multiple sclerosis	Aubagio		teriflunomide	
Rheumatoid arthritis	Arava		leflunomide	
Hepatitis exposure	Hepatitis B Immune Globulin		HBIG	12 months
Experimental Medication or Unlicensed (Experimental) Vaccine				
Psoriasis	Soriatane		acitretin	36 Months
	Tegison		etretinate	Ever
HIV treatment also known as antiretroviral therapy (ART)				

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Some medications affect your eligibility as a blood donor for the following reasons:

Anti-platelet agents affect platelet function, so people taking these drugs should not donate platelets for the indicated time. Donors are still eligible to donate whole blood or red blood cells by apheresis.

Anticoagulants or "blood thinners" are used to treat or prevent blood clots in the legs, lungs, or other parts of the body, and to prevent strokes. These medications affect the blood's ability to clot, which might cause excessive bruising or bleeding when you donate. Donors are still eligible to donate whole blood or red blood cells by apheresis.

Isotretinoin, finasteride, dutasteride acitretin and etretinate can cause birth defects. Your donated blood could contain high enough levels to damage the unborn baby if transfused to a pregnant woman.

Thalomid (thalidomide), Erivedge (vismodegib), Odomzo (sonidegib), Aubagio (teriflunomide) and Rinvoq (upadacitinib) may cause birth defects or the death of an unborn baby if transfused to a pregnant woman.

Cellcept (mycophenolate mofetil) and Arava (leflunomide) are immunosuppressants that may cause birth defects or the death of an unborn baby if transfused to a pregnant woman.

PrEP or pre-exposure prophylaxis involves taking a specific combination of medicines as a prevention method for people who are HIV negative and at high risk of HIV infection.

PEP or post-exposure prophylaxis is a short-term treatment started as soon as possible after a high-risk exposure to HIV to reduce the risk of infection.

ART or antiretroviral therapy is the daily use of a combination of HIV medicines (called an HIV regimen) to treat HIV infection.

Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) is an injected material used to prevent hepatitis B infection following a possible or known exposure to hepatitis B. HBIG does not prevent hepatitis B infection in every case, therefore, persons who have received HBIG must wait to donate blood.

Experimental Medication or Unlicensed (Experimental) Vaccine is usually associated with a research study, and the effect on the safety of transfused blood is unknown.