



The Greenhill Practice

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Re: Blood Donation

This certificate confirms that:

Mr Laurence Kirk

Is a qualified health care professional and a registered member of the General Osteopathic Council:

Membership number 3/1499/F

Acupuncture is part of the accepted scope of osteopathic practice, and as a member of the British Medical Acupuncture Society, all acupuncture/dry needling procedures carried out comply with current good practice guidelines e.g. including the use of sterile single use disposable needles.

This certificate also confirms that the above mentioned conforms to the criteria required by the National Blood Transfusion Service in change notification number 32, following publication on the 22 December 2009(see below):

Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 32 - 2009

Acupuncture

Applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines only

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

The condition for which treatment was given is not acceptable.

Less than 12 months from completing treatment.

Discretionary

Performed within the NHS

If performed by a suitably qualified NHS healthcare professional on NHS premises, accept.

Performed outside of the NHS

If performed by a Qualified Health Care Professional registered with the General Medical Council (GMC), Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), General Dental Council (GDC), The General Chiropractic Council(GCC),The General Optical Council (GOC), The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) or The Health Professions Council (HPC) (which regulates: Arts therapists, Biomedical Scientists, Chiropodists/ Podiatrists, Clinical Scientists, Dieticians, Occupational Therapists, Operating Department Practitioners, Orthoptists, Paramedics, Physiotherapists, Prosthetists and Orthotists, Radiographers, Speech and Language Therapists), accept.

If none of the above applies and, after four months, a validated test for hepatitis B core antibody is negative, accept.

Additional

Information

Acupuncture needles that have been reused have passed infection from person to person. Acupuncturists who are subject to discipline from statutorily constituted professional authorities are unlikely to re-use needles. This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for hepatitis C is negative, if this test is stopped for any reason the guidance will change. During the recovery phase of HBV infection levels of free HBsAg may be too low to detect. Antibody to hepatitis B core antigen may be the only indicator of infectivity. When there is any doubt about infection being passed on, waiting twelve months means infections are more likely to be picked up by the tests used by the blood services.