

Medication Deferral List

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers

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:
Antiplatelet agents (usually taken to prevent stroke or heart attack)	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 taken to prevent blood clots in the legs and lungs and to prevent strokes)	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 Revlimid		thalidomide lenalidomide	
Rheumatoid arthritis	Rinvoq		upadacitinib	
Hair loss remedy	Propecia		finasteride	
Prostate symptoms	Proscar		finasteride	
	Avodart Jalyn		dutasteride	6 Months
Immunosuppressant	Cellcept		mycophenolate mofetil	6 Weeks
Hepatitis exposure	Hepatitis B Immune Globulin		HBIG	3 Months
HIV prevention (also known as PrEP or PEP)	Any medication taken by mouth (oral) to prevent HIV	Truvada	emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	
		Descovy	emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide	
	Injectable HIV prevention	Apretude Yeztugo	cabotegravir lenacapavir	2 Years
Basal cell skin cancer	Erivedge Odomzo		vismodegib sonidegib	2 Years
Relapsing multiple sclerosis	Aubagio		teriflunomide	
Rheumatoid arthritis	Arava		leflunomide	
Psoriasis	Soriatane		acitretin	3 Years
	Tegison		etretinate	Ever
HIV treatment	Any medication to treat HIV. May also be called antiretroviral therapy (ART)			
Experimental medication				1 Year

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Form Version History

Effective Date	Significant Changes
23 Sep 2025	Revised according to AABB Medication Deferral List (MDL), version 4.0 , to include lenacapavir (Yeztugo, Gilead), a recently FDA-approved, long-acting injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication.
22 Aug 2023	- Revised due to Medication Deferral List v4.0 as follows: - Revlimid (lenalidomide) has been added with a 1-month deferral.] - HIV prevention and HIV treatment - brand and generic names replaced by a description which is more readily recognized and understood by the donor. - Hepatitis B Immune Globulin timeframe has been revised from 12 months to 3 months to reflect the change in deferral for hepatitis risk exposure. - Unlicensed (Experimental) Vaccine – Removed from the list. Vaccines are addressed in the DHQ and flowcharts. - Experimental medication – timeframe has been revised to “As defined by the medical director.” - Removed Innohep (tinzaparin), Isentress (raltegravir), Neotigason (acitretin), and Tivicay (dolutegravir) from the medication deferral list. - Added Low-Molecular-Weight heparin. - The information from page 2 of the Medication Deferral List concerning how certain medications may affect eligibility has been relocated to Flowchart Question #5.
18 Aug 2021	Removed COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) vaccination.
06 Jan 2021	Added COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) vaccination.
09 Sep 2020	Revised list of medications and deferral periods.
16 Jan 2018	Added Odomzo (sonidegib).
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