

HTLV-I Antibody Testing (7/6/89)

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FROM: Director, Center of Biologics Evaluation and Research

SUBJECT: HTLV-I Antibody Testing

TO: Licensed Source Plasma Manufactures Approved for
Immunization with Red Blood Cells

All blood establishments were notified in our 29 November 1988 memorandum (copy attached) of the recommendation for testing all donors of cellular procedures for the antibody to Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus Type I (HTLV-I) we believe this recommendation should be adopted to protect recipients of cellular products for immunization purposes.

If you intend to implement HTLV-I testing for this purpose please notify us within 10 days of receipt of this communication of your SOP revision to include anti-HTLV-I testing of all red blood cells for immunization.

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