

DEFERRAL INFORMATION – Platelet donation

You may not be able to donate platelets today for the following reasons:

REASON	DEFERRAL PERIOD
Under 18 years of age	Until 18th Birthday
60 years of age and over, if never donated platelets before	Indefinite
Weight less than 60kgs (9st, 6lbs)	Unless/Until Minimum Weight is Reached
Uncomplicated dental filling or scaling	24 Hours
Minor injury	Until Healed / Recovered
Dental extraction	One Week (minimum)
Flu or other infectious illness	Two Weeks After Finishing Antibiotics or Following Full Recovery From Symptoms
Surgical Procedure	Two Weeks – Six Months (please ask)
Travel to a Tropical Area	Three Months
Endoscopy (Scope)	Four Months
Ear, Face or Body Piercing, Tattoo	Four Months
Travel to a Malarial Area	Twelve Months
Pregnant or had a baby	Indefinite
MSM (<i>men who have had sex with men</i>)	Four Months After Last Sexual Contact
Syphilis and Gonorrhoea All other STIs	Indefinite Please Ask
Cancer	Exceptions apply please ask
Blood transfusion after 1 st January 1980 in the Republic of Ireland or at any time outside the ROI	Indefinite
Ever Injected Drugs - even once or a long time ago	Indefinite
Cardiac (<i>Heart</i>) Condition	Please Ask

These are some of the common reasons for deferral but there may be other reasons you are not eligible to donate, please see www.giveblood.ie When you become eligible to donate please return as platelets are always needed.