

State Blood Transfusion Council (Maharashtra)

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To,
I/c Blood Bank,
(All hospital based blood banks)


Sub: Phasing out the practice of replacement donor and achieving 100% voluntary non-remunerated blood collection.

As per National Blood Policy 2002 and 2007, the practice of replacement blood donors is to be gradually phased out in a time bound programme to achieve 100% voluntary non-remunerated blood donation programme. Further, the Govt. of Maharashtra, Public Health Dept. vide GR no. ररसे/२००१/८२७/प्रक्र १९०/आ-६ dt. 14th October, 2002 and GR no. ररसे(बैठक)२०११/प्रक्र ६९/आरोग्य-५ dt. 22 November, 2011 has decided that the Govt., Semi Govt., private and trust hospital should not insist for replacement donor and it will be the responsibility of the concerned hospital to make available blood for any surgery / procedure of the patients.

2. While going through the data of the blood collection it is revealed that the percentage of voluntary blood collection in many hospital based blood banks is less than 50%.

3. It indicates that hospital based blood banks are not organizing adequate voluntary blood donation camps to achieve 100% voluntary blood collection, even though permission has been granted to conduct camps by the SBTC. The news has appeared in Daily Loksatta – Mumbai Vrutant dt 20.06.2017 that certain hospitals in Mumbai are insisting for replacement donor.

4. In view of above, you are requested to stop the practice of replacement donors forthwith as per the National Blood Policy and orders of the Govt. of Maharashtra and achieve voluntary blood donation above 90% within next 3 months failing which NOC for issue of license issued by the SBTC may be cancelled. Appropriate action on account of breach of the National Blood Policy and instructions of the Govt. will be taken against blood banks not following the policy norms.


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