

FDA's MSM Blood Donation Policy: Did You Know??

- Permanent ban on any male who has had sex with another male (MSM) since 1977.
- The American Red Cross, LifeShare, American Medical Association do NOT support the FDA's current MSM blood donation policy.
- The time it takes to test for HIV with the Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) is only 9 - 11 days after contact.
- Russia, South Africa, Argentina, Australia, Hungary, Japan, Italy, Spain, France and Sweden are countries that have all modified their blood donation policies to remove a permanent ban on gay and bisexual males.

Want To Learn More??

Read US Senators' Letter to FDA Asking for End to Blood Donation Ban:

www.hrcbackstory.org/2010/03/senators-send-letter-to-fda-calling-for-end-to-blood-donation-ban/

HHS Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability:

www.kent.edu/uhs/upload/06112010_recommendations-1.pdf

Effects of Lifting MSM Blood Donation Ban:

www.kent.edu/uhs/upload/formattedmsm_goldberg_gates.pdf

To link to these sites and for more information, go to the University Health Services website and Facebook at www.kent.edu/uhs.