

Please do not offer to donate bone if:

- You are HIV positive
- You have tested positive for hepatitis **B or C**
- You are a man who has EVER had oral or anal sex with a man, even using a condom
- You have ever been given money or drugs for sex
- You have ever injected yourself or been injected with illegal drugs, including body building drugs
- You are a haemophiliac who has received clotting factor concentrates
- You have had sex with anyone who has been sexually active in parts of the world where HIV is very common (this includes most countries in Africa)
- You have had acupuncture, a piercing, a tattoo or any cosmetic treatment that involved piercing your skin in the last 12 months
- You are a sexual partner of any of the above

Thank you

Thank you for considering donating your bone.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the Bone Bank at Wrightington Hospital.

Telephone: 01257 256452

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends and carers.

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Ask 3 Questions



Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, Braille and other languages upon request. For more information call 01942 773106.

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Information for potential bone donors

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Did you know that you could be a bone donor?

Did you know that when you have a hip replacement operation your old hip could be used to help another patient?

How can my bone be used to help others?

During the operation the top of your thigh bone (the head of the femur or femoral head) is taken away and replaced with an artificial one.

Some of the bone, which has to be taken away is good bone. This bone can be used to help others instead of just disposing of it.

If a patient has suffered bone loss due to disease, injury or previous surgery, this can be replaced using small pieces of bone from a donor. Such operations enable people to be mobile again or may restore the use of a limb.

So when your hip is replaced, you can help someone else by donating your worn-out hip to our Bone Bank. It will be stored in a freezer in the WWL Bone Bank at Wrightington Hospital until it is needed.

Can everyone give their bone?

Most people can, there is no age limit. Some people may not be accepted as bone donors, in a similar way that not everyone can be a blood donor. This is usually because they have had certain medical conditions:

- Cancer
- Blood transfusions anywhere
- Parkinson's disease
- Alzheimer's
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Syphilis
- HIV/Hep B or C
- Pagets disease
- Avascular Necrosis

Testing bone donors

Regulations require that routine screening tests are done on blood donors every time they give blood, so we also do routine screening tests when bone is donated. If you wish to donate, a small blood sample will be taken during your operation to screen for various infections.

We will test your blood for:

- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Syphilis
- HIV
- HTLV (human T-cell lymphotropic virus)

What do I have to do to be a bone donor?

Giving your bone will not affect your care in any way or make any difference to the operation or to your recovery.

Before your operation a member of staff will speak to you about your medical history and suitability as a bone donor.

The interview will take approximately 20 minutes.

Just like blood donors, we need to determine if bone donors are in a high risk group for HIV. Some of the information we require may seem very personal, but this is necessary to comply with Department of Health regulations.

How easy is it to say "no"?

It is very easy to say "No". There is no obligation or pressure on you to donate your bone. You are free to say "No" for **whatever reason** and **no** further questions will be asked.