Resolution: Adoption of the policy document entitled “Blood Donation Deferrals: Re-evaluating the five year deferral period for blood donation by MSM”

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) does not have any policies on the issues surrounding MSM blood donation and Health Canada’s deferral period to donate blood;

WHEREAS Health Canada’s current deferral period of 5 years for MSM is greater than other high-risk groups;

WHEREAS the sensitivity and specificity of blood testing has dramatically improved over the last two decades;

WHEREAS the discrimination of any group by the health community should be a concern of the CFMS;

BIRT the CFMS formally adopt the attached policy document entitled “Blood Donation Deferrals: Re-evaluating the five year deferral period for blood donation by MSM."

Financial Cost: N/A

Level of Effort: N/A

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