

Important Notice for Women Over 30

Final Campaign for the Anti-D/Hepatitis C National Screening Programme

Please answer these three simple Yes/No questions carefully.

1. Did you have a miscarriage or a baby in Ireland between
 - 1st May 1977 and 31st July 1979 or
 - 1st March 1991 and 18th February 1994?
2. Are you Rhesus negative?
3. Did you receive Anti-D to prevent 'blue baby syndrome' during either of these periods?

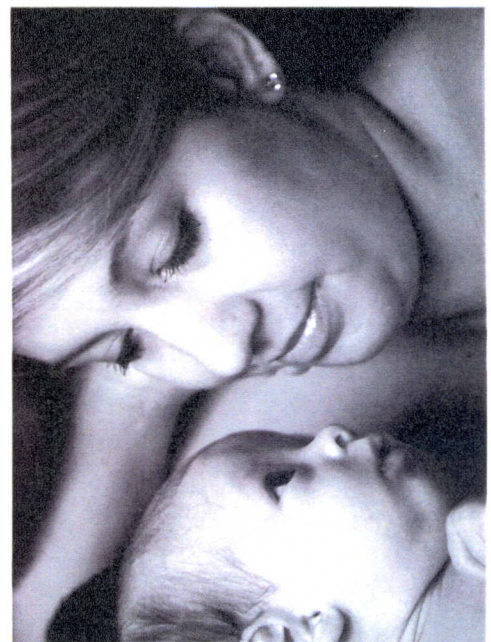
If your answers are **'Yes'**, and you **have not** already tested for Hepatitis C, then you need to contact the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) to arrange for a **Hepatitis C** blood test with your local GP.

Certain batches of Anti-D that were issued during the above periods were unsafe and caused Hepatitis C infection in some women. As records are not complete, we do not have a full list of everyone who received contaminated Anti-D.

Most women who received Anti-D have already been tested. We are now in the final stages of tracing any remaining women who received Anti-D during these periods and who have not already been tested for Hepatitis C.

We are aware that some women affected by this may be living abroad and we are anxious to make contact with them. If you or someone you know fits this category (for example your sister, mother or friend) please ask them to contact us.

The IBTS will treat all contact in complete confidence and will pay for your GP appointment.



HOW TO CONTACT US

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