

Donor Prescreening Questions

Please read the following in its entirety to help guarantee your safety and the safety of the community blood supply and to help ensure you have a positive donation experience.

Bonfils recommends that prior to your donation you eat within 2 hours and hydrate for 24-48 hours. If you would like something to eat or drink before your donation please help yourself to the items in the canteen area.

Donors are commonly deferred for the following questions. Bonfils asks these prescreening questions so donors do not spend time answering our full questionnaire only to find they are ineligible for a common reason. Even if you answer no to all of these prescreening questions, you may be ineligible to donate based on the answers given during the full questionnaire and interview process completed just prior to the actual donation.

If you answer yes to any of these questions on the day you present to donate, you will NOT be eligible to donate at that time.

If you have any questions related to travel or your eligibility to donate as a whole contact Bonfils' Donor Relations department at 303.363.2202 or 800.365.0006, opt. 1 or ask a Bonfils staff member at the time of your donation.

HEALTH STATUS AND AGE

1. Do you weigh less than 110 pounds or more than 350 pounds?
2. Are you 15 years or younger?
3. Are you ill or not feeling well today?
4. Have you ever been diagnosed with lymphoma and/or leukemia?

MEDICATIONS

5. Are you taking antibiotics today for an active infection?
6. Have you taken Accutane, Proscar or Propecia in the last month?
7. Have you taken Coumadin/Warfarin in the last 7 days?

TRAVEL AND RESIDENCE ABROAD

8. From 1980 through 1990 were you in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands or Holland as a member of the U.S. military, a civilian military employee or a dependent of a member of the U.S. military for 6 months or more?*
9. From 1980 through 1996 were you in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Italy, Sicily or Greece as a member of the U.S. military, a civilian military employee or a dependent of a member of the U.S. military for 6 months or more?*
10. From 1980 to present have you spent time that adds up to 5 years or more in Europe?*
11. In the past 12 months have you spent more than 24 hours in (traveled to) any individual location outside of the U.S. or Canada?*

 - a. If yes, did you travel to any of the countries or cities listed as a malarial risk area on the table on the back of this page?

There are many ways to save lives with Bonfils. You can also help through Bonfils' marrow program and volunteer opportunities. *Additionally, if you are deferred for these categories, you may still be eligible for research donations. Visit bonfils.org to learn more.



The table below is referenced in prescreening question 11a. Like the prescreening questions on this document that reference common deferrals but not all deferrals, this table includes common malarial risk areas but it is not an all-inclusive list.

AFGHANISTAN

Any Area

AFRICA

Angola
Botswana
Burundi
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Liberia
Mozambique
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sudan
Tanzania
Uganda
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

CAMBODIA

Any Area

CHINA

Dali
Banna
Chuxiong City
Dian Lake
Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
Jinghong
Kunming
Lijiang
Nansha
New Yuanyang
Old Yunanyang
Panzhuhua
Shangri-la
Shilin
Stone Forest
Tiger Leaping Gorge
Xinje
Yunnan

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Any area outside Santiago
or Santo Domingo

HAITI

Any Area

HONDURAS

Any area outside San Pedro
Sula or Tegucigalpa
(including the Bay Islands)

INDIA

Any Area

INDONESIA

Any Area

IRAN

Any Area

MALAYSIA

Any Area

MEXICO

Chihuahua City
Copper Canyon
El Fuerte
Hidalgo del Parral
Los Mochis
Mazatlan
Nuevo Mazatlan
Nuevo Vallarta
Punta Mita
Sayulita

PANAMA

Any area east of the Panama
Canal including the region of
Colon

SOUTH KOREA

Any area north of Seoul,
including the Demilitarized
Zone (DMZ)

VENEZUELA

Any Area