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## “Research and Donation Policy Status in the USA for Men Who Disclose Having Sex with Other Men (MSM)”

In December 2015, the USA Food and Drug Administration changed the policy for men who have sex with men (MSM) from an indefinite to a time-limited 1-year deferral based on the completion of several studies. This seminar will review current policy considerations for MSM deferral in the USA, and the status of this donor deferral in other countries, including an overview of current risk factors for USA blood donors who have tested positive for HIV, HBV, HCV, and/or HTLV, review findings from the Blood Donation Rules Opinion Study (Blood DROPS) on non-compliance with the indefinite MSM donor deferral, and to use these results to place donor deferral for MSM in the broader perspective of donor behavior. The presentation will provide an overview of these completed studies and the efforts to establish a monitoring program linked to the policy change.

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