

Change Notification for the UK Blood and Tissue Services

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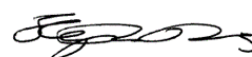
Chikungunya vaccination

Content changed	Type of change	Guidelines affected
1 Appendix 2 - Immunisations	Updated table	Whole blood



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1. Appendix 2 - Immunisations

Guidelines affected	Reason for change
Whole blood	Addition of 2 Chikungunya vaccine products to the table of immunisations.

The following rows will be added to the table. The rest of the table is unchanged.

Disease	Comments and example trade preparations	Immunisation type	Minimum deferral
Chikungunya	There are two vaccines available to prevent Chikungunya: IXCHIQ® and Vimkunya®; see rows below. Ensure the correct guidance is applied depending on the vaccine given. If vaccine name not certain, treat as a live vaccine.	See below	See below
Chikungunya	IXCHIQ®	Live	28 days
Chikungunya	Vimkunya®	Non-live	No