

# 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.

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**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?

## TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS

8. Have you received a tattoo that was not performed in a doctor's office in the last 12 months?\*
9. Have you received an ear or body piercing that was not performed with single-use equipment in the last 12 months?\*

## TRAVEL AND RESIDENCE ABROAD

10. 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?\*
11. 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?\*
12. From 1980 to present have you spent time that adds up to 5 years or more in Europe?\*
13. 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](http://bonfils.org) to learn more.



The table below is referenced in prescreening question 13a. 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

#### **CAMBODIA**

Any Area

#### **HAITI**

Any Area

#### **NICARAGUA**

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

#### **CHINA**

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

#### **COLOMBIA**

Any area outside  
Bogota or Cartegena

#### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Any area outside Santiago  
or Santo Domingo

#### **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  
Durango  
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)

#### **VIETNAM**

Any Area