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## HEAT TREATED FACTOR VIII

The position in the United States is that until 1 July only 70% of blood donations were tested for AIDS antibodies. Since July all will be tested. The FDA stated that the American companies were not able to heat treat all Factor VIII but they should be able to do so by July.

✓ All UK produced Factor VIII has been heat treated at Elstree since April.

Haemophilia Centre Directors have been prescribing only heat treated Factor VIII for the past 4 - 5 months. Initially this material was not licensed by Medicines Division but now all companies importing material have been issued with product licences. The heat treated material that has to be imported comes from the Continent (Immuno based in Austria) and from the USA.

In summary, at the present time haemophilia patients should have no difficulty in obtaining heat treated Factor VIII.

of NIBSC has just informed me that since 19 December 1984 all imported Factor VIII cleared by NIBSC has been heat treated. All Elstree material received since April has been heat treated and Scottish supplies have been heat treated since the 23 January 1985.

4 July

① Can you please translate  
4 July 1985 this into an assurance  
I can give the S.S. next  
week that no  
haemophiliacs will be  
infected in UK from now on.

c.c.

② What about cryoprecipitate?