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### **Blood donation by people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis**

We refer to your e-mail of 25 April 2010 sent to the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services regarding blood donation by people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME).


Your request was transferred to the Norwegian Directorate of Health being the national competent authority on blood and transfusion medicine.

The European ME Alliance requests that Norwegian health authorities initiate a prohibition of blood donations from people diagnosed with ME/CFS.

The Norwegian Directorate of Health is of the opinion that the existing rules for blood donor selection is adequate and that there is no need for a specific prohibition of people that are/or have been diagnosed with ME. The view of the Norwegian Directorate of Health is also in accordance with the European Blood Alliance's opinion referred to in its Summary Report from the Conference Call of 26 April 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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