

UK Intraoperative Cell Salvage Action Group

ICS Generic Policy - Summary information

Summary

This document has been written as a generic policy for the implementation and use of Intraoperative Cell Salvage. It has been designed with the intention that it will be adapted to accommodate the local policies and practice of individual NHS Trusts/Divisions/Hospitals and private organisations.

The policy should be agreed and signed off by the appropriate individuals within the Trust/Division/Hospital or Organisation before it is implemented.

For the purpose of this document, the term **Organisation** is a generic term for Trusts, Divisions, Hospitals (both NHS and Private) and other organisations where Intraoperative Cell Salvage is used.

This document may also be applicable when Intraoperative Cell Salvage devices are used in the pre and/or postoperative environment (e.g. Accident and Emergency, recovery, ward etc) and for devices specifically designed for Intra and Postoperative Cell Salvage.

This document **does not** relate to the use of unwashed postoperative autologous wound drains.

In Section 12 - Quality Assurance, the omission of information under the Product Quality section is intentional at this time as there is currently limited literature available relating to this topic. The UK Cell Salvage Action Group is in the process of developing this guidance and will include it in the generic policy following the first review. Where local policy relating to Product Quality in Intraoperative Cell Salvage exists within an Organisation, it should be added to this section of the policy.

Review date:

The UK Cell Salvage Action Group will review this document by the end of 2008 following evaluation from users.

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- Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust – Policy for the provision of Perioperative Red Cell Salvage²
- St Mary's NHS Trust – Obstetric Intraoperative Cell Salvage Guidelines³

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