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Surgery – Deceased Tissue Donors

These changes apply to the Deceased and Living Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines

Please delete the following entries:

~~Obligatory~~

~~Must not donate if:
For malignancy.~~

~~Discretionary~~

~~1. Eyes:
If related to malignancy, see Malignancy.~~

~~2. Other Tissues:
If for Cervical Carcinoma in Situ (CIN) or Basal Cell Carcinoma and
all other criteria are fulfilled, accept.~~

~~See if Relevant~~

~~Basal Cell Carcinoma
Cervical Carcinoma in Situ
Neurosurgery
Ocular Surgery
Tissue and Organ Recipients
Transfusion
Xenotransplantation~~

~~Reason for Change~~

~~The 'Discretionary' entry for 'Eyes' (malignancy) has changed.~~

Surgery – Living Tissue Donors

~~Definition~~

~~Major Surgery:
Any surgical procedure resulting in an inability to return to normal
activities of daily living (e.g. routine housework, previous employment
and/or driving) for six months or more.~~

~~Obligatory~~

~~Must not donate if:
a) For malignancy.~~

- ~~b) All wounds are not healed.~~
- ~~c) There is any infection.~~
- ~~d) Normal mobility has not been regained.~~
- ~~e) Less than six months from major surgery.~~
- ~~f) Less than seven days from other surgery.~~
- ~~g) Requiring post-operative treatment, or attending hospital regularly.~~

Discretionary

1. Malignancy:

If for Cervical Carcinoma in Situ (CIN) or Basal Cell Carcinoma and all other criteria are fulfilled, accept.

2. Major surgery:

a) If more than four months from the procedure and NAT for HCV is performed, accept.
If a second sample is to be taken and tested after six months, accept.

See if Relevant

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Additional Information

Surgery may place the donor at risk of infection, either from unhealed wounds or due to infection risks from infected staff or equipment. Although these risks are very small it is important to wait long enough for the risks to have gone or until the tests performed by the Blood & Tissues Services can pick up any infection that they test for that may have been transmitted to the donor by surgery.

Reason for Change

To provide a more accurate definition of 'major surgery' that reflects current clinical practice in the NHS.

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