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Immunosuppression

Applies only to the Deceased Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines

In line with SaBTO guidance a new discretionary criteria has been added to the entry for Immunosuppression to allow the donation of cornea only for potential eye donors with a history of malignancy who are on chemotherapy, or autoimmune disease who are on immunosuppressive therapy. Additional links to the Immunosuppression entry are required for the entries for Malignancy, Autoimmune Disease, Steroid Therapy and Eye Disease.

Immunosuppression

Please add the following text.

Discretionary **Eyes:** For potential eye donors with a history of malignancy who are on chemotherapy, or autoimmune disease who are on immunosuppressive therapy, and provided that NAT testing is performed for HIV, HCV and HBV and shown to be negative, accept for corneas only.

Additional Information Assays which directly detect the virus are not affected adversely by immunosuppression and are appropriate in this situation. This change is permitted under the SaBTO 'Guidance on the microbiological safety of human organs, tissues and cells used in transplantation' (2011).

Reason for Change A discretionary criteria has been added to allow the donation of cornea only.

The supporting paper, JPAC 11-56 Amended "Risk assessment for immunosuppression and corneal donation" leading to this Change Notification can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website:

<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/Index.aspx?Publication=DL&Section=12&pageid=7528>

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Malignancy

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See if Relevant Immunosuppression

Reason for Change A link to 'Immunosuppression' has been added

Autoimmune Disease

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Steroid Therapy

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Eye Disease


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