Implementation Update:
Align OPTN Policy with U.S. Public Health Service Guideline, 2020

Winter 2021
Implementation by March 1, 2021

Transplant Hospitals:

• Educate staff on changes to risk criteria
• No longer use term “increased risk”
• Revise HIV, HBV, and HCV testing for living donors, candidates, and recipients
• Assess candidates for HBV vaccination need and report status
• Inform intended recipients if risk criteria are present but specific informed consent no longer required
• Arrange for living donor specimen storage and include storage as part of overall living donor consent (To be implemented on June 1, 2021)
Implementation by March 1, 2021

OPOs:

- Modify donor risk criteria screening questions
- No longer use term “increased risk”
- Obtain HIV, HBV, and HCV testing samples within 96 hours before procurement
- Obtain storage specimen within 24 hours before procurement
- Upgrade TransNet\textsuperscript{SM} application upon release
- Use revised extra vessels labels provided by the OPTN
Resources (available February 1)

- Educational courses:
  1. *PHS Guidelines in OPTN Policy*
     Updating policy, systems, labels (OPO/Hospital)
  2. *Talking About Risk Criteria For Disease Transmission*
     Guiding the conversation with patients for organs with risk criteria (Hospital)
Feedback or Questions

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