

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)

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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 TransNetSM 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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