

Appendix I (d) Health Unit Notification to Trillium Gift of Life Network

Reporting of West Nile Virus Viremia or Antibody Response Results to Trillium Gift of Life Network



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BACKGROUND:

1. Transplant programs are often unaware of the origin of cadaveric organ or tissue donations, and donor hospitals are often unaware of the ultimate destination of cadaveric organ or tissue donations. As a result, direct notification of transplant programs regarding positive results in donors, or donor hospitals regarding positive results in recipients without the involvement of TGLN or the tissue bank concerned is not feasible.
2. Health Canada's Guidance Document on Basic Safety Requirements for Human Cells, Tissues and Organs for Transplantation (which organ donation organizations such as TGLN, tissue banks and transplant programs are required to comply with) states the following regarding Notification: "Positive or reactive transmissible disease test results, either confirmed or discordant, obtained from either a living or deceased donor shall be reported to the appropriate health authorities in accordance with federal, provincial, and territorial requirements. Positive, reactive or discordant test results shall be immediately reported to all organ donation organizations, tissue and cell banks and transplant programs in receipt of cells, tissues or organs from the donor. Living donors shall be notified of all confirmed positive results. For deceased donors, the donor program shall inform the donor's physician of record prior to death, or the physician who signed the death certificate, of confirmed positive test results."
3. Primary responsibility for the decision as to whether donated (nonperfused) tissues are suitable for transplantation rests with the tissue bank concerned. Primary responsibility for the decision as to whether donated organs (whether from a living or deceased donor) rests with the transplant program concerned.

NOTIFICATION PROTOCOL:

NONPERFUSED TISSUE

donors: Trillium Gift of Life Network AND medical director of tissue bank(s) which received tissue (if known) AND physician(s) most responsible for the donor during their hospital course

recipients: Trillium Gift of Life Network AND medical director of the tissue bank which provided tissue AND transplanting surgeon

CADAVERIC ORGAN DONORS

donors: Trillium Gift of Life Network AND physician(s) most responsible for the donor during their hospital course

recipients: Trillium Gift of Life Network AND transplanting surgeon

LIVE ORGAN DONORS

donors: procuring surgeon AND transplanting surgeon

recipients: procuring surgeon AND transplanting surgeon

Notifications as per above directed to Trillium Gift of Life Network may be addressed to:

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