Guidance for Reporting Recovery and Shipment of Extra Vessels

Information related to the final disposition of extra vessels is very important to the transplant community for tracking the spread of infection or disease that may be transmitted from a donor. Because of this importance, the OPTN implemented policy on April 29, 2006, to collect data on recovery of extra vessels through donor feedback by the OPO and usage of vessels in transplantation at the time of candidate removal from Waitlist by the transplanting center. Policy 5.10 related to vessel recovery, storage, and transplant may be found on the OPTN website at http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policiesAndBylaws/policies.asp.

Definitions:

- **Extra Vessel** – Those vessels taken during the organ procurement process of deceased or living donors with the intent to use them to reconstruct vasculature of a transplanted organ. Not everything directly attached to the organ (without surgical modification) to be transplanted is considered an extra vessel. *Extra vessels are routinely taken from areas not immediately connected to the transplantable organ (i.e. iliac artery or vein, aorta, carotid artery or jugular vein, etc.).*

- **Intended Recipient** – Recipient for whom the donor’s extra vessel(s) was originally recovered.

- **Secondary Recipient** – Recipient who received an organ transplant from one donor and an extra vessel from another donor.

This document will address how vessel disposition is to be reported by the Host OPO through donor feedback:

**REPORT ORGAN DONOR DISPOSITION OF EXTRA VESSELS (FEEDBACK) IN UNETSM**

The disposition of organs and extra vessels recovered from every donor is recorded through the Donor Organ Disposition Data function in UNetSM.

To report organ donor disposition of organs and extra vessels:

1. Begin the DonorNet® session by clicking the DonorNet icon located on the Secure EnterpriseSM main page.

2. Access donor organ disposition data by selecting Report donor organ disposition(feedback) from the Manage Data drop-down menu.

3. The report Donor Organ Disposition (feedback) page displays. Click the Donor ID link associated with the donor in which disposition is to be reported.

Figure 1.
3. The open disposition page displays. Enter all applicable information.

Figure 2.

Note: If an organ is recovered, indicate if extra vessels (vascular allografts) were sent with the organ.

4. Click the Update button at the top or bottom of the page to save this information. Once Donor disposition data are complete, this record no longer appears on the list of Donor Organ Disposition (Feedback) data.

Still have questions or concerns regarding vessel disposition reporting? Contact UNOS Data Quality at dataquality@unos.org or Regional Administration at (804) 782-4800.