

Absolute Contraindications to Organ donation (as per POL188/2 dated 22/11/13)

- Aged 86 and above (DBD and DCD)
- Any cancer with evidence of spread outside affected organ (including lymph nodes) within 3 years of donation (however, localised prostate, thyroid, in situ cervical cancer and non-melanotic skin cancer are acceptable)
- Melanoma (except completely excised Stage 1 cancers)
- Choriocarcinoma
- Active haematological malignancy (myeloma, lymphoma, leukaemia)
- Definite, probable or possible case of human TSE, including CJD and vCJD, individuals whose blood relatives have had familial CJD, other neurodegenerative diseases associated with infectious agents
- TB: active and untreated
- HIV disease (but not HIV infection) HIV infection means people who have infection with HIV but none of the associated complications. Organs from such donors would be transplanted into individuals who are infected with HIV.

Notes

As with all guidelines these should be used with clinical judgement and if a clinician feels that a person excluded by this list should be offered the opportunity to donate then the family should be approached for consent.

Advice on donation from those with intra-cerebral tumours is outlined in the following article 'Advising potential recipients on the use of organs from donors with primary central nervous system tumors' Transplantation Volume 93, Number 4, February 27, 2012 Warren et al. This article advises that organs from donors with primary CNS tumours should be used unless the tumour is a lymphoma (even if the lymphoma is considered a primary intra-cerebral lymphoma). The presence of a CSF shunt does increase the risk of transmission, but this additional risk is estimated to be less than 1%.

Where absolute or organ specific contraindications apply, the donor and/or specific organs should not be offered to Europe.

These guidelines are to support the assessment of a potential organ donor when considering DBD or DCD donation and should be applied with clinical judgement and in conjunction with the following documents:

Council of Europe. Criteria for preventing the transmission of neoplastic diseases in organ donation. Council of Europe Publishing (2006)

http://book.coe.int/EN/popupprint.php?PAGEID=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2372

NHSBT / BTS Guidelines for Consent for Solid Organ Transplantation in Adults (2011)

<http://www.bts.org.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allid=927>

SaBTO Guidance on the Microbiological Safety of Human Organs, Tissues and Cells used in Transplantation (2011)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_121497