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#### Overview

This standard covers the actions involved in retrieving organs and tissues from cadavers, where formal consent has been given. The individual's donor status must be determined and adhered to in line with relevant legislation, policies, protocols and guidelines, and their wishes and beliefs must be respected. The intervention must be performed to the point where the organ and tissue has been retrieved and the site can be appropriately closed.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 confirm the individuals' identity and ensure that informed consent has been given for the retrieval of organs and/or tissue
- P2 ensure that the appropriate arrangements are in place to facilitate subsequent transplant or grafting
- P3 confirm with the appropriate members of the team that the individual is fully prepared for the intervention, prior to initiating the retrieval of organs or tissue
- P4 gain access to the site, making appropriate incisions and dissections for the organ or tissue being removed, in line with good medical practice
- P5 remove the organ or tissue, selecting the appropriate method in line with good medical practice and local policies and protocols
- P6 ensure that the removed organ or tissue is:
  - P6.1 received and handled safely, in line with national guidelines
  - P6.2 placed and packed safely in the appropriate transport medium
  - P6.3 correctly and clearly labelled
  - P6.4 dispatched at the appropriate time to the correct destination
- P7 ensure that, on completion of the intervention the site is closed using the appropriate materials, in line with legislation and local protocols
- P8 maintain timely, accurate, complete and legible records in accordance with local policies and procedures and work at all times within appropriate information and patient confidentiality guidelines and protocols
- P9 work within your scope of responsibility and accountability, referring to others where appropriate and/or necessary

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the current European, national and local legislation, guidelines, policies and protocols which affect your responsibilities and work practice
- K2 why it is necessary to obtain formal consent prior to retrieving organs or tissue from cadavers
- K3 the policies and guidance which clarify your scope of practice and the relationship between yourself and other team members in terms of delegation and supervision
- K4 policies and guidance relating to the moving and positioning of individuals and the impact they have upon your work
- K5 why it is important to get positive confirmation of the individual's identity before starting the preparation and effective methods of obtaining positive identification
- K6 the principles of asepsis, the maintenance of the sterile field, and the potential consequence of poor practice
- K7 the importance of following standard precautions relevant to the activity to be undertaken and the protective clothing which may be worn for your own protection and the protection of the organs or tissue to be retrieved
- K8 your role and the importance of working within your own sphere of competence
- K9 the roles and responsibilities of other team members
- K10 the techniques and procedures, protocols and processes relating to the retrieval of organs and tissues from cadavers
- K11 the methods, procedures and techniques for making incisions and dissections and site closure
- K12 the processes you would go through in establishing the appropriate course of action for the intervention to be undertaken
- K13 the types of complications that might arise during the course of the intervention and the responses that should be made to deal with them, in accordance with good practice
- K14 applied surgical anatomy, general and system specific physiology and pathology and its application to the retrieval of organs or tissue from cadavers
- K15 equipment, instrumentation and supplementary items required during the retrieval of organs and tissue from cadavers
- K16 the preparation and use of equipment, instrumentation and supplementary items required during the retrieval of organs and tissue from cadavers
- K17 the importance of recording information in a timely, clear, accurate and systematic manner
- K18 the types of information that must be recorded in relation to different activities

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#### Additional Information

##### External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB7 Interventions and treatments

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