

When referring a patient to another organization, the referring hospital must determine if the receiving organization provides services to meet the patient's needs and has the capacity to receive the patient. This determination is usually made well in advance, and the willingness to receive patients and the transfer conditions are described in formal or informal affiliations or agreements. This advance determination ensures continuity of care and that the patient's care needs will be met. Transfers may occur to other sources of specialized treatment or services without formal or informal transfer agreements.

PC.43 The hospital has a process for the donation, procurement, and transplantation of organs and tissues.

- PC.43.1 The hospital complies with existing laws and regulations on organ and tissue donation, procurement, and transplantation.
- PC.43.2 If the hospital performs organ transplants, it collaborates and coordinates with the Saudi Center for Organ Transplantation (SCOT).
- PC.43.3 The hospital ensures appropriate retrieval, processing, preservation, and storage of organs/tissues for transplants.
- PC.43.4 The hospital establishes guidelines for the donation of organs from one living person to another in accordance with laws and regulations.

Standard Intent:

The shortage of available organs for transplant has encouraged Saudi center for organ transplantation (SCOT) to increase that supply.

The hospital is responsible for defining the process of obtaining and recording consent for cell, tissue, and organ donation in relation to international ethical standards and the manner in which organ procurement is organized according to law and regulation.

The hospital has a responsibility to ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent patients from feeling pressured to donate.

The hospital supports the choice of patients and families to donate organs and other tissues for research or transplantation. Information is provided to patients and families on the donation. Hospital staff are trained on the donation process that supports patient and family choices. Staff are also trained in the contemporary concerns and issues related to organ donation and availability of transplants.

The hospital cooperates with other hospitals and Saudi center for organ transplantation (SCOT) for all or a portion of the procurement, banking, transportation, or transplantation process.