

# Tissue Donation from Deceased Patients

## 0-95 years old

### Donation Pathway

Contact the Tissue Donor Co-ordinator before discussing Tissue Donation with relatives

#### Absolute Contraindications

- Blood borne viruses
- Haematological malignancies
- Degenerative neurological conditions (inc. dementia)

#### Potential Tissue Donation

- Heart Valves
- Tendons
- Skin
- Eyes

< 70yrs Multi-tissue donation

>70yrs eyes only

**Tissue Donor Co-ordinator Pager 07623 513 987 (24 hours)**

Leave message with pager service and Tissue Donor Co-ordinator will call you straight back

**The Tissue Donor Co-ordinator will check ODR status and advise accordingly**

#### Suggested approach...

In these circumstances we routinely check your loved one's decision to donate organs or tissues. There may be the opportunity to donate tissues which can improve the lives of others. It would not normally affect viewings or delay funeral arrangements. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DECIDE NOW.** Would you like the tissue donor co-ordinator to give you a call to discuss?

#### Information required to progress referral:

- Name/CHI/Address
- Circumstances of Death
- Past medical history/current medication
- GP details
- Family details inc. two contact numbers

**PF cases can be considered for tissue donation in all circumstances**



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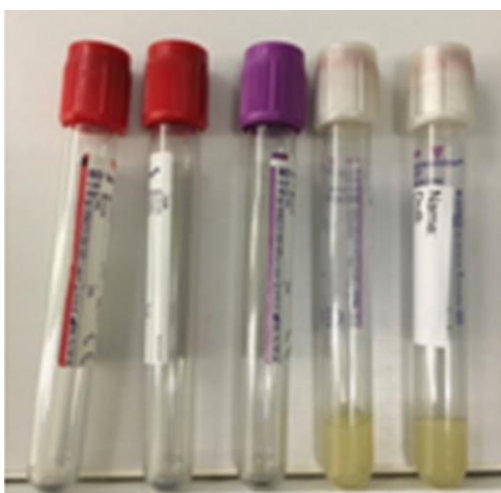
### Required Blood Samples

Age 0 – 70 years

#### Potential Multi Tissue Donor

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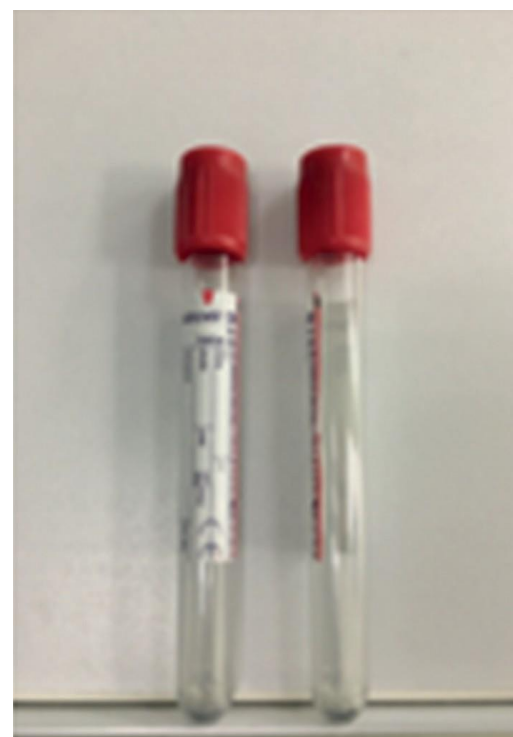
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TWO RED TOPPED  
ONE PURPLE TOPPED**



Age 71 – 95 years

#### Potential Eye Only Donor

**TWO RED TOPPED**



Tissue Donation Packs should be available in the department, however non-heparinised tubes can be used if packs unavailable. Please hand write labels

- Samples can be venous / arterial / mixed.
- Fill tubes if possible but at least 1 cm/tube if difficult access
- Bloods and Donor moved to mortuary within 6 hrs of death

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