

Tikaḡa Best Practice - Organ and Tissue Donation

These guidelines assist the Southern DHB in properly removing organs or tissues from living or deceased donors in accordance with Māori protocols and with informed consent.

Note: The local Kai Tahu dialect uses a "ḡ" in place of "ng".

Organ donation and transplantation has the potential to save and enhance lives. It also raises a number of ethical, cultural and social issues. Therefore, ensure the tūroo and their whānau are fully informed of their rights and have the necessary supports in place.

Associated Policy

Tikaḡa Best Practice Policy (24624)

Guidelines

The following applies to both the recipient and donor as applicable:

- Body parts and/or tissue will never be removed for donation without informed consent.
- Discussion will occur as early as is reasonable, and be carried out in a sensitive and non-judgmental way in a supportive environment.
- Staff will offer the option of further support from the appropriate Māori service (e.g. Māori Liaison Service, Māori Health Unit).
- Staff will talk with the tūroo and/or whānau giving a full and clear verbal and written explanation regarding the full procedure and options.
- Staff will ensure that the tūroo and/or whānau are fully informed on all aspects of the donation process in order to make an informed choice and where agreed give informed consent.
- Staff will respect and comply with the decisions made by the tūroo and/or whānau.
- Staff will offer the choice of having karakia/inoia prior to and/or following any intervention.
- Staff will offer to make the arrangements if required.

- Staff will ensure tūroro and/or whānau are aware and agree to the possibility that certain body parts and/or tissue may be stored for use in the future. (Future use will *only* be the original purpose as agreed to by tūroro and/or whānau.)
- Staff will record and carry out the wishes of the tūroro and/or whānau for return or disposal if the original purpose for retention changes (e.g. return or disposal).
- All body parts and/or tissue will be offered for return if unused or unsuitable, e.g. when a heart valve is used, the surrounding heart tissue will be offered for return.
- All returns will follow the 'Tikaḡa Best Practice - Removal of Body Parts' guidelines.
- Staff will document all discussions and decisions.
- Refer to the 'Tikaḡa Best Practice - Dying and Death' guidelines or 'Care of the Deceased/Tūpāpaku (Southland)' when managing Tūpāpaku donors.

Note that the following are also associated with this document:

Tikaḡa Best Practice:

- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Definitions of Important Māori Terms (see "Tikaḡa Best Practice - Definitions of Important Māori Principles") (25034)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Spiritual, Family, and Other Support (25042)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Cultural Protocols (including Food, Valuables, and Linen) (25038)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Use of Facilities for Māori (25044)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Research Protocols (25046)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Removal of Body Parts (25048)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Organ and Tissue Donation (25050)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Dying and Death (25053)
- Tikaḡa Best Practice - Autopsy (25062)

Others:

- Care of the Deceased/Tūpāpaku (Southland) (60998)
- Organ Donation in ICU (15815)
- Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development) 1999: Hauora o te Tinana me ōna Tikanga: A guide for the removal, retention, return and disposal of Māori body parts and organ donation — Service Providers.
- Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development) 1999: Hauora o te Tinana me ōna Tikanga: A guide for the removal, retention, return and disposal of Māori body parts, organ donation, and post-mortem — Māori and their Whānau.