

Consent to Accept an Organ from a Hepatitis C Positive Donor

As our transplant team receives organ offers that may be used in your transplant, some of those offers may be from donors who are positive for hepatitis C, indicating that they have potentially been exposed to or are possibly infected with the hepatitis C virus. This option may reduce the wait time on the transplant list and may facilitate early transplant leading to improved survival of patients. While these donor organs do present a risk for transmitting the hepatitis C virus to you, should you develop a hepatitis C infection after transplant there are medications that you can take to cure hepatitis C. Based on data, cure rates for hepatitis C are approximately 95% after transplant. However, a cure is not always guaranteed.

When your transplant team receives an organ offer from a donor who is positive for hepatitis C, they will discuss with you the risks and benefits of receiving that particular organ in relation to your current medical status. Based upon that discussion, you always have the right to decline an organ offer without any penalty.

My transplant physician has reviewed with me the above information regarding donors who are positive for the hepatitis C virus. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and they have been answered to my satisfaction. I realize that if I receive a hepatitis C positive organ there is a risk of hepatitis C transmission and that I will be followed closely with serial lab testing. I also understand that I may need to take medication post- transplant to treat the hepatitis C virus.

- I **do** consent to a transplant from a donor who tested positive for Hepatitis C
- I **do not** consent to a transplant from a donor who tested positive for Hepatitis C

Patient Printed Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Physician Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____