Food and Drug Administration, HHS

Subpart B—Donor Screening and Testing

§ 1270.21 Determination of donor suitability for human tissue intended for transplantation.

(a) Donor specimens shall be tested for the following communicable viruses, using Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed donor screening tests in accordance with manufacturers’ instructions:

1. Human immunodeficiency virus, Type 1 (e.g., FDA licensed screening test for anti-HIV–1);
2. Human immunodeficiency virus, Type 2 (e.g., FDA licensed screening test for anti-HIV–2);
3. Hepatitis B (e.g., FDA licensed screening test for HBsAg); and
4. Hepatitis C (e.g., FDA licensed screening test for anti-HCV).

(b) In the case of a neonate, the mother’s specimen is acceptable for testing.

(c) Such infectious disease testing shall be performed by a laboratory certified under the Clinical Laboratories Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA).

(d) Human tissue shall be accompanied by records indicating that the donor’s specimen has been tested and found negative using FDA licensed screening tests for HIV–1, HIV–2, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. FDA licensed screening tests labeled for cadaveric specimens must be used when available.

(e) Human tissue for transplantation shall be accompanied by a summary of records or copies of the original records of the donor’s relevant medical records as defined in §1270.3(t) which documents freedom from risk factors for and clinical evidence of hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV infection.

(g) For corneal tissue procured under legislative consent where a donor medical history screening interview has not occurred, a physical assessment of the donor is required and other available information shall be reviewed. The corneal tissue shall be accompanied by the summary of records documenting that the corneal tissue was determined to be suitable for transplantation in the absence of the donor medical history interview. Corneal tissue procured under legislative consent shall be documented as such in the summary of records.

(h) Human tissue shall be determined to be not suitable for transplantation if from:

1. A donor whose specimen has tested repeatedly reactive on a screening test for HIV, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C;
2. A donor where blood loss is known or suspected to have occurred and transfusion/infusion of more than 2,000 milliliters (mL) of blood (i.e., whole blood, reconstituted blood, or red blood cells), or colloids within 48 hours; or more than 2,000 mL of crystalloids within 1 hour; or any combination thereof prior to the collection of a blood specimen from the tissue donor for testing, unless:
   (i) A pretransfusion or preinfusion blood specimen from the tissue donor is available for infectious disease testing; or
   (ii) An algorithm is utilized that evaluates the volumes administered in the 48 hours prior to collecting the blood specimen from the tissue donor to ensure that there has not been plasma dilution sufficient to affect test results; or
3. A donor who is 12 years of age or less and has been transfused or infused at all, unless:
   (i) A pretransfusion or preinfusion blood specimen from the tissue donor is available for infectious disease testing; or
   (ii) An algorithm is utilized that evaluates the volumes administered in the 48 hours prior to collecting the blood specimen from the tissue donor.
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Subpart C—Procedures and Records

§ 1270.31 Written procedures.

(a) There shall be written procedures prepared and followed for all significant steps in the infectious disease testing process under §1270.21 which shall conform to the manufacturers’ instructions for use contained in the package inserts for the required tests. These procedures shall be readily available to the personnel in the area where the procedures are performed unless impractical. Any deviation from the written procedures shall be recorded and justified.

(b) There shall be written procedures prepared and followed for all significant steps for obtaining, reviewing, and assessing the relevant medical records of the donor as provided in §1270.21. Such procedures shall be readily available to personnel who may perform the procedures. Any deviation from the written procedures shall be recorded and justified.

(c) There shall be written procedures prepared and followed for designating and identifying quarantined tissue.

(d) There shall be written procedures prepared, validated, and followed for prevention of infectious disease contamination or cross-contamination by tissue during processing.

(e) In conformity with this section, any facility may use current standard written procedures such as those in a technical manual prepared by another organization, provided the procedures are consistent with and at least as stringent as the requirements of this part.

§ 1270.33 Records, general requirements.

(a) Records shall be maintained concurrently with the performance of each significant step required in this part in the performance of infectious disease screening and testing of donors of human tissue. All records shall be accurate, indelible, and legible. The records shall identify the person performing the work, the dates of the various entries, and shall be as detailed as necessary to provide a complete history of the work performed and to relate the records to the particular tissue involved.

(b) All human tissue shall be quarantined until the following criteria for donor suitability are satisfied:

(1) All infectious disease testing under §1270.21 has been completed, reviewed by the responsible person, and found to be negative; and

(2) Donor screening has been completed, reviewed by the responsible person, and determined to assure freedom from risk factors for and clinical evidence of HIV infection, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

(c) All human tissue processed or shipped prior to determination of donor suitability must be under quarantine, accompanied by records assuring identification of the donor and indicating that the tissue has not been determined to be suitable for transplantation.

(d) All human tissue determined to be suitable for transplantation must be accompanied by a summary of records, or copies of such original records, documenting that all infectious disease testing and screening under §1270.21 has been completed, reviewed by the responsible person, and found to be negative, and that the tissue has been determined to be suitable for transplantation.

(e) Human tissue shall be quarantined until the tissue is either determined to be suitable for transplantation or appropriate disposition is accomplished.

(f) All persons or establishments that generate records used in determining the suitability of the donor shall retain such records and make them available for authorized inspection or upon request by FDA. The person(s) or establishment(s) making the determination regarding the suitability of the donor shall retain all records, or true copies of such records required under §1270.21, including all testing and screening records, and shall make them available for authorized inspection or upon request from FDA. Records that can be retrieved from another location by electronic means meet the requirements of this paragraph.