Consent from the deceased donor* is required to remove/store/use the organ for research.

The primary purpose for the removed organ is for research – the organ is not going to be transplanted.

Treatment interventions being researched can take place before or after implantation of the removed organ.

Health research involving patients is subject to approvals from relevant bodies.

Note: Recipients of organs subjected to research interventions must have given their consent to receive the organs.

Organ transplantation occurs and treatment is combined with research.

Organ cannot be transplanted.

Recipient consent is required for transplantation.

The organ can be sent for disposal or, with valid consent from the deceased donor*, stored and/or used for research.

The primary purpose for the removed organ is for transplantation.

Consent from the deceased donor* is required to remove/use the organ for transplantation.

Removal of organ from deceased donor

Organ is transplanted (no planned research intervention)

* Consent in this case means either the consent of the donor, their nominated representative or - in the absence of either of these - the consent of a person in the most appropriate ‘qualifying relationship’ to the donor immediately before they died. More guidance on this is available from the HTA.