

Removal of the organ from a deceased donor

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

Consent from the deceased donor, their nominated representative or the consent of a person in the most appropriate 'qualifying relationship' to the donor immediately before they died is required to remove/ store/ use the organ for research. Consent for this purpose cannot be deemed.

Transplantation is the primary purpose for the removed organ

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

Organ transplantation occurs and treatment is combined with research

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 is Transplanted - no planned research intervention

Recipient consent is required for transplantation.

Organ cannot be transplanted

The organ can be sent for disposal, or with consent from the deceased donor, their nominated representative or the consent of a person in the most appropriate 'qualifying relationship' to the donor before they died, the organ can be stored and / or used research.

*Consent in this case means either the consent of the donor (either expressed or deemed), their nominated representative or 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.](#)