

Query for consideration by the Multivisceral and Composite Tissue Advisory Group (MCTAG)

Background

ODT Study no.82, based in Oxford, have sought and gained approval from the Research, Innovation and Novel Technologies Advisory Group (RINTAG) to keep untransplantable pancreata, vascularised sentinel skin flaps and abdominal wall that they have retrieved for research purposes.

Query for MCTAG

As part of operationalising Study 82, the ODT Research team have been drafting flowcharts (see Appendix) with input from ODT Hub Operations. Study 82's team will have to call the Hub to check that there is research consent in place for the untransplantable tissue before they can do their research on it.

The Hub have queried whether any abdominal wall considered unsuitable for transplantation by Oxford should be offered by fast-track to other intestinal transplant centres before Oxford are allowed to keep it for research.

The ODT Research team's question for MCTAG is therefore: would this abdominal wall tissue be considered transplantable by another centre, and if so, should the Hub offer it via fast-track?

Number of Abdominal Walls Retrieved in 2018

The Statistics department have provided data on the number of abdominal walls retrieved during 2018 and the fates of this tissue:

Centre	Total retrieved	Transplanted (of those retrieved)
Cambridge	6	3
Oxford	10	3
Total	16	6

The three transplants at Cambridge were fascia, and the three at Oxford were abdominal wall.

Two of the fascias were fascia-only transplants; the Statistics department can't be certain whether the whole abdominal wall was retrieved or just the fascia of it.

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Appendix: draft flowchart for Study 82

