

When the donor is to donate heart for valves, but no other organs are found suitable.

- 3.36 In addition to donation of organs for transplantation, deceased donors often donate tissue as well ('Heart for Valves'). Should an organ donor be found unsuitable for organ donation as a result of pathology revealed during donor surgery, the question arises as to whether tissue donation is still feasible.

In this situation, the SNOD should be consulted to determine whether tissue donation can proceed. The SNOD, having referred to the appropriate exclusion criteria, and mindful of the pathological findings noted by the surgeon, will direct the surgeon to retrieve the heart for valve donation if appropriate. Alternatively, the SNOD will direct the surgeon to close the patient if no tissue donation is possible.

If the heart is to be retrieved for valve donation in a DCD donor, the heart is simply retrieved and prepared as usual. In DBD donation, the surgeon should exsanguinate the donor in the usual fashion and retrieve the heart. The heart is then prepared for placing in the heart pot as usual.