TITLE: Clinical Decision-Making and Best Practices for Potential Organ and Tissue Donors: Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding best practices for clinical decision making in caring for potential organ and tissue donors in order to maximize organ donation potential?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines and best practices regarding the initiation of conversations with families with respect to organ and tissue donation in order to maximize organ donation potential?

3. What are the evidence-based guidelines and best practices regarding staff training or protocols regarding organ donation management?

KEY MESSAGE

One relevant systematic review and four relevant guidelines were identified regarding best practices regarding organ donation.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2012, Issue 3), Canadian and abbreviated lists of major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. Methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and guidelines. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2002 and April 2, 2012. Internet links were provided, where available.
RESULTS

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by evidence-based guidelines.

One systematic review and four evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding best practices for clinical decision making in order to maximize organ donation potential. No relevant health technology assessment reports were identified. Additional references of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses


Guidelines and Recommendations


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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Practice Guidelines and Recommendations


Systematic Reviews


Review Articles


Additional References


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