

Update Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery

OPTN Vascular Composite Allograft Transplantation Committee

Purpose of Guidance Document

- Increase the recovery and transplantation of VCA grafts
 - Inform the community of VCA graft recovery recommendations
 - Provide guidance to organ procurement organizations and transplant programs pursuing VCA transplantation
 - Increase VCA visibility in the transplant community

Guidance Document

- Provides VCA recovery recommendations
 - VCA background
 - Considerations for the identification and initial evaluation of the potential VCA donor
 - Family considerations
 - Recovery
 - Post-Recovery
 - Media and public relations strategies

Rationale

- In 2018, the OPTN Board of Directors approved *Guidance on Optimizing VCA Recovery from Deceased Donors*
- The updated guidance presented this cycle in public comment provides recommendations relevant to the current state of the VCA transplantation field
 - Expands audience from just OPOs, to OPOs, programs already involved with VCA recovery and transplant, and programs considering becoming involved with VCA recovery and transplant
 - Highlights the importance of collaboration between OPOs and transplant programs when engaging in the VCA recovery process

Member Actions

- None

What do you think?

- Are there additional effective practices the Committee should include in these recommendations to the transplant community?
- What barriers and challenges are keeping the transplant community from becoming more involved with VCA recovery and transplant?
- What are the experiences of donor families regarding the VCA authorization process?
- What are the experiences of donor families, recipient families, and recipients with media and public relations strategies?