



Dear Colleagues:

In conjunction with the Organ Donation and Transplantation Alliance (ODTA) and the Donation and Transplantation Community of Practice (DTCP) Quality Improvement Task Force (QITF), The Joint Commission is conducting an evaluation of its existing organ donation/transplantation requirements for hospitals. In addition, The Joint Commission is requesting the identification of practices, even those unrelated to Joint Commission standards or regulatory requirements, which have been particularly helpful in improving donation and/or transplantation quality improvement processes and outcomes.

The purpose of this quality improvement activity is to ensure that the Joint Commission standards continue to support a culture of donation and transplantation, thus preserving the option of donation to the maximum extent possible. By increasing the clarity in hospital standards, it helps to facilitate the entire organ donation process. Please note that The Joint Commission is not contemplating the development of a comprehensive set of standards for transplant centers. Also, please note that the scope of this review excludes those standards related to tissue acquisition, testing, storage, issuance and tracking.

We invite any key stakeholder in the organ donation and transplantation process, such as organ procurement organizations, donor hospitals and transplant centers that have an involvement and/or interest in the donation and transplantation quality improvement process, to participate in this evaluation and feedback process.

To begin the evaluation, please click on the following link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/b4q5ct>. If this link does not open up to the evaluation, copy and paste it directly into the top line of your internet browser and hit enter. Do not paste the link into the search line of your browser.

Please complete the evaluation tool by October 1, 2014. If you have questions regarding the evaluation instrument, please contact Vicki Cantwell at vcantwell@jointcommission.org.

Thank you ahead of time for your help with this most important project.

Regards,

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