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# BIOVIGILANCE

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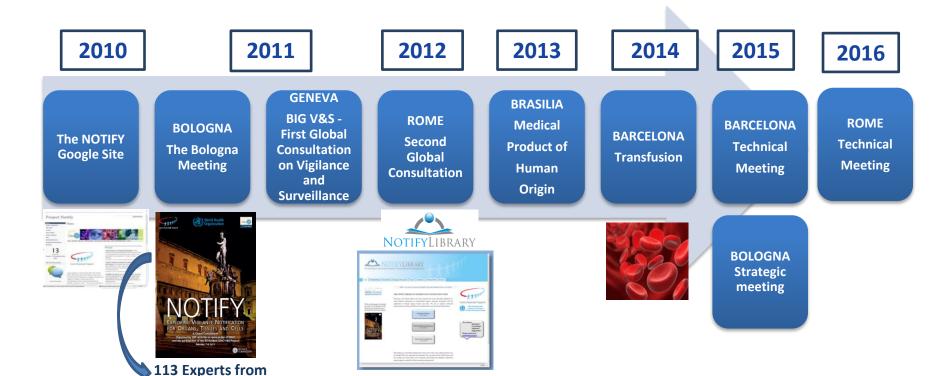
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#### **NOTIFY PROJECT: HISTORY**

Joint global initiative (WHO, CNT, SOHO V&S) to raise the profile of V&S of SOHO Adoption of Resolution 63.22 by the World Health Assembly in 2010

 Provide all Member States information about donation, processing, transplantation of tissues, cells and organs, including data about serious adverse events and reactions».



**36 Countries** 



### **NOTIFY PROJECT: AIMS**

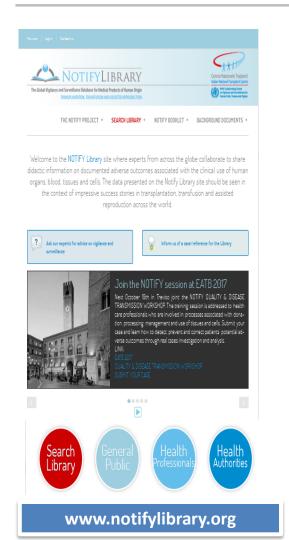
To promote the use of vigilance and surveillance in the provision and clinical application of medical products of human origin (MPHO).

To draft common guidelines supporting the implementation of effective vigilance and surveillance

To provide practical support to countries that are developing vigilance systems for MPHO



### **NOTIFY PROJECT: MAIN TOOLS**



NOTIFY Website

NOTIFY V&S guidance Booklet

 NOTIFY Library of didactic cases of events and reactions

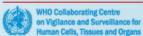


## **NOTIFY** website: www.notifylibrary.org



The Global Vigilance and Surveillance Database for Medical Products of Human Origin
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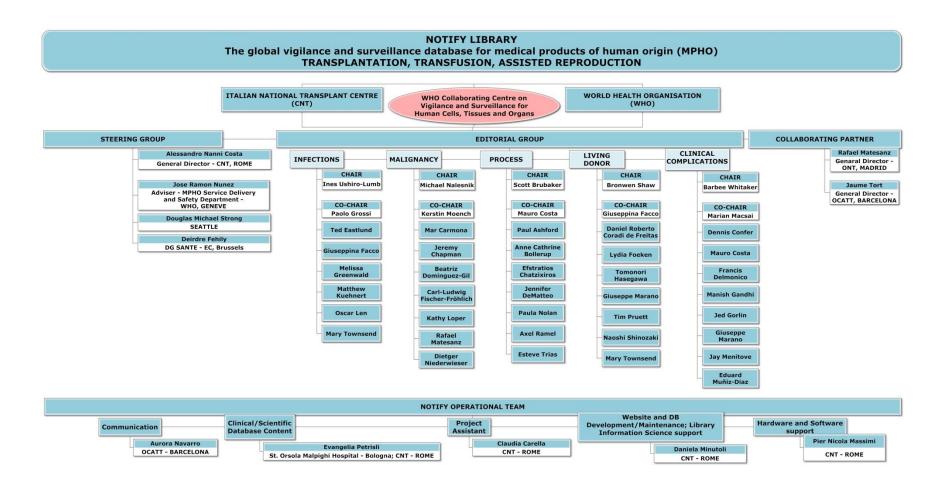
VIGILANCE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

VIGILANCE AND SURVEILLANCE

REPORTS



### **NOTIFY PROJECT: WHO WE ARE**





#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**



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#### **VIGILANCE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

• Council of Europe – European directorate for the quality of Medicine and HealthCare (EDQM), European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), International Haemovigilance Network (IHN), International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT), etc

#### **VIGILANCE AND SURVEILLANCE REPORTS**

 European Union Annual Vigilance Reports, American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), Transfusion and Transplantation Reactions in Patients (TRIP), World Marrow Donors Association (WMDA), etc

# WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) AND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (WHA)

 WHO Guiding Principles on Transplantation, WHO Aide Memoire for National Health Authorities on Safety and Quality of Tissues and Cells., WHO Consultation Report – Tissues and Cells., WHA Resolution 63.22.2010

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EPIDEMIC DISEASE OCCURRENCE

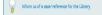


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### **NEW! NOTIFY CONSULTATION GROUP**



Centro Nazionale Trapianti Italian National Transplant Centre

WHO Collaborating Centre on Vigilance and Surveillance for Human Cells, Tissues and Organs

The Global Vigilance and Surveillance Database for Medical Products of Human Origin TRANSPLANTATION, TRANSFUSION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

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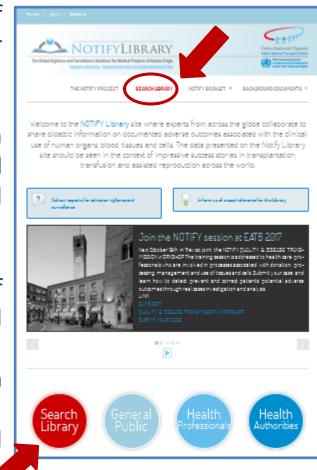
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### WHAT IS THE NOTIFY LIBRARY?

- Publically accessible online database of didactic cases of adverse reactions and events that have caused harm or risk of harm
- From procurement and processing to clinical application of blood, organs, tissues, cells and other substances used in transfusion, transplantation, assisted reproduction and other applications
- Collected and analyzed by 5 editorial groups of international experts, regulators and clinicians and linked to their source references:
  - literature review (published articles in scientific journals and/or books)
  - case reports from regulatory or professional vigilance programs (grey literature)

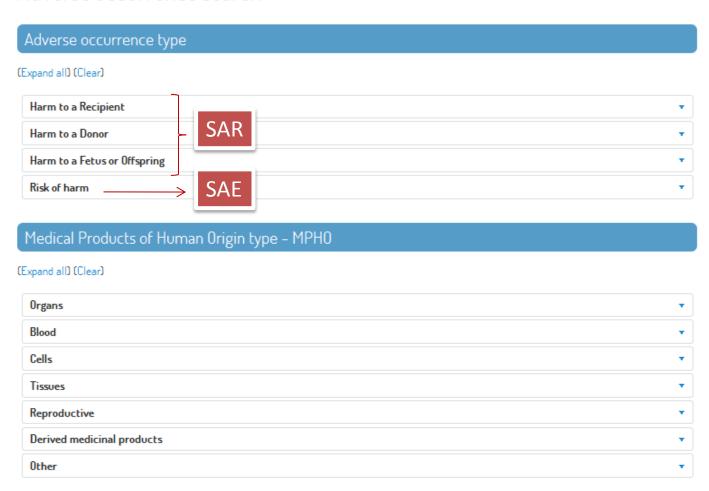


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## **ADVERSE OCCURRENCE SEARCH (1)**

#### Adverse occurrence search





## **ADVERSE OCCURRENCE SEARCH (2)**

#### Keywords

thrombocytopenia

alloimmune thrombocytopenia

FNAIT (fetal and neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia)

HIT (heparin induced thrombocytopenia)

thrombocytopenia

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#### Free text

thrombocytopenia

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#### Notify Library Record ID

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### SEARCH EXAMPLE BY ADVERSE OCCURRENCE TYPE

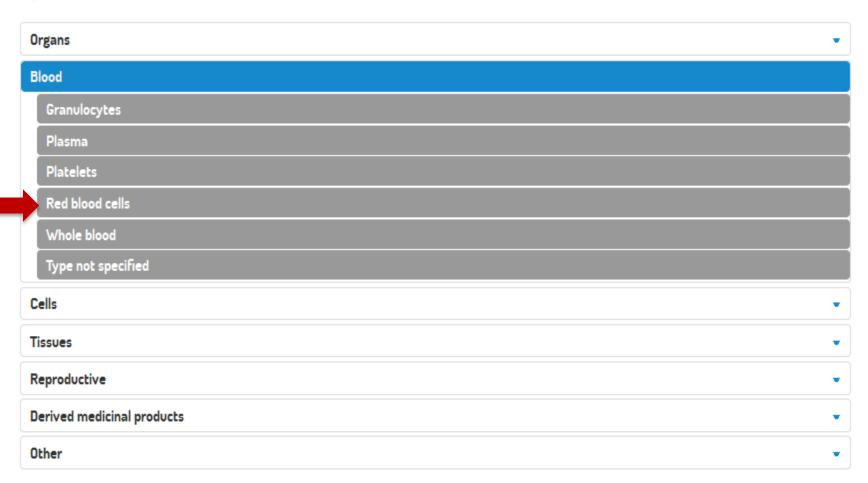
### Adverse occurrence type (Expand all) (Clear) Harm to a Recipient Infection Malignancy Non-infectious, Non-malignant transmissions Immunological complications Acute Hemolytic Reaction Allergic Reaction **Delayed Hemolytic Reaction** Delayed Serologic Reaction Detrimental immunization Graft versus host disease Post Transfusion Purpura (PTP) Rejection TRALI Miscellaneous complications Harm to a Donor Harm to a Fetus or Offspring Risk of harm



### **SEARCH EXAMPLE BY MPHO TYPE**

### Medical Products of Human Origin type - MPHO

#### (Expand all) (Clear)





### **SEARCH RESULTS**

Found 35 records (up to page top).

#### Search criteria:

Adverse occurrence: Harm to a Recipient >> Immunological complications >> Acute Hemolytic Reaction

Medical Product of Human Origin type - MPHO: Blood >> Red blood cells

[4449] Irani, M.S.; Figueroa, D.; Savage, G.

Acute hemolytic transfusion reaction due to anti-Le(b). Transfusion

2015: 55 (10): 2486 - 8

1662

Adverse occurrence description: Acute Hemolytic Transfusion Reaction (AHTR), anti-Le(b)

Adverse occurrence type: Harm to a Recipient => Immunological complications => Acute Hemolytic Reaction

MPH0 type: Blood => Red blood cells

Time to detection: During transfusion

Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: A 30-year-old African-American woman with metastatic renal cell carcinoma was receiving chemotherapy. She was anemic with hemoglobin (Hb) of 7.2 g/dL and had a negative antibody detection test by the solid-phase red blood cell adherence method. She was transfused with 2 RBC units without incident. Nine days later her Hb was 7.9 g/dL again with a negative antibody detection test. Transfusion of an additional RBC unit was begun. During the transfusion she developed chills, nausea, hypertension, and red-brown urine. The posttransfusion sample plasma was grossly hemolyzed with a strongly positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) by gel.

Estimated frequency: Case report

Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: The pretransfusion plasma was normal appearing and the DAT was weaker. The eluate was negative on both occasions. Anti-Le(b) was detected in the posttransfusion sample by MTS gel (Ortho Diagnostics). Both RBC units she had received before the RBC unit that caused the reaction were Le(b1) as was the implicated RBC unit. The antibody was hemolytic in vitro and her phenotype was Le(a-b-). It is possible she was sensitized at the time of the first transfusions.

Imputability grade: 3 Definite/Certain/Proven

Expert comments for publication: This case illustrates that anti-Le(b) which is usually clinically insignificant can occasionally cause severe hemolytic transfusion reactions. A hemolytic transfusion reaction caused by anti-Le(b) is extremely rare. Only three other reported cases of anti-Le(b) causing hemolytic transfusion reactions could be found in the literature, two of which were abstracts.

Keywords:

AHTR (acute hemolytic transfusion reaction)

RBC (red blood cell)

chills nause

hypertension

dark urine

hemolysis

DAT (direct antiglobulin test)

anti-Le(b)

Treference



### **REFERENCE SEARCH**

## Reference search

#### Adverse occurrence type

(Expand all) (Clear)

Harm to a Recipient

Harm to a Donor

Harm to a Fetus or Offspring

Risk of harm

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**Organs** 

Blood

Cells

Tissues

Reproductive

Derived medicinal products

Other

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REFERENCE SEARCH RESULTS (1)

Found 6 records (up to page top).

Search criteria:

Authors: TRIP

91 - Spinal Muscular Atrophy transmission by donor sperm - Sperm

693 - Hemolytic reaction - cord blood - Cord Blood

703 - Dyspnea and diminished saturation - Apheresis

704 - Epileptic seizure - Apheresis

1153 - Processing error - Sperm

1578 - Processing error - Embryo

#### Feedback questionnaire

Reference ID	Reference		is
1553	TRIP annual report 2009 Tissue Vigilance, TRIP, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, p.19, (2009)		6 occurrences
1769	TRIP Annual Report 2007, TRIP, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, p.38, (2007)		1 occurrence
1879	TRIP annual report 2010 Tissue Vigilance, TRIP, A	msterdam, the Netherlands, p.23 p., (2010)	14 occurrences
1880	TRIP annual report 2011 Tissue Vigilance, TRIP, A	msterdam, the Netherlands, p.30 p., (2011)	17 occurrences
1881	TRIP annual report 2012 Biovigilance, TRIP, Amste	rdam, The Netherlands, p.50 p., (2012)	16 occurrences
4372	TRIP annual report 2013 Biovigilance, TRIP, Amste	rdam, The Netherlands, p.50 p., (2013)	6 occurrences



## **REFERENCE SEARCH RESULTS (2)**

Found 30 records (up to page top).

#### Search criteria:

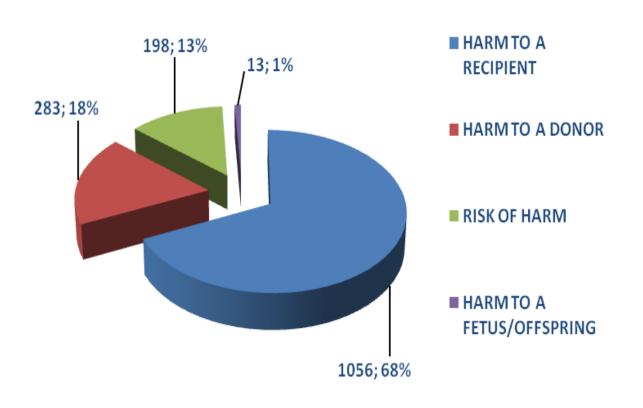
Adverse occurrence: Harm to a Recipient >> Infection >> Parasitic

Medical Product of Human Origin type - MPHO: Organs Years: 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010

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	Reference ID	Reference	<b>V</b>
	4004	Donor-transmitted malaria after heart transplant managed successfully with artesunate., Sabe, N., Gonzalez-Costello J., Oriol I., Sanchez-Salado J., Ortega S., Oliver E., Manito N., and Carratala J., //Transpl Infect Dis, 2014, Volume 16, Issue 6, (C) 2014 John Wiley & Sons A/S, p.999 - 1002, (2014)	
	4472	Use of kidneys from trypanosoma cruzi-infected donors in naive transplant recipi without prophylactic therapy: the experience in a high-risk area., Cicora, Federico, Escu Veronica, Silguero Sergio, Gonzalez Ignacio M., and Roberti Javier E., Transplantation// Transplantation, 201 Volume 97, Issue 1, United States, p.e3 - 4, (2014)	rra
	1869	Donor-Derived Trypanosoma cruzi Infection in Solid Organ Recipients in the Unite States, 2001-2011, Huprikar, S., Bosserman E., Patel G., Moore A., Pinney S., Anyanwu A., Neofytos D., Ket D., Striker R., Silveira F., et al., September, Volume 13, Issue 9, (2013)	

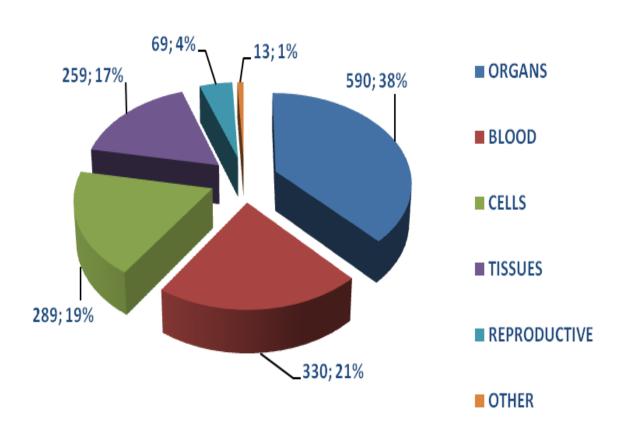


## **NOTIFY LIBRARY: UPLOADED RECORDS (n=1,550)**



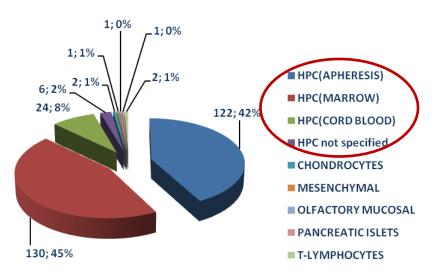


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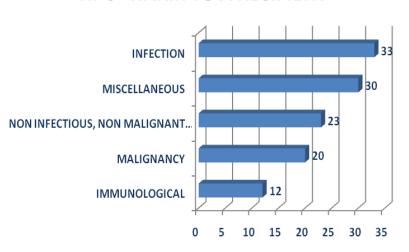




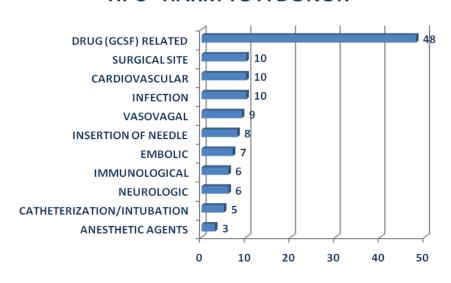
## MPHO TYPE: CELLS (n=289)



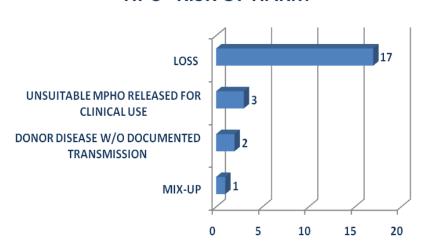
#### **HPC - HARM TO A RECIPIENT**



**HPC - HARM TO A DONOR** 

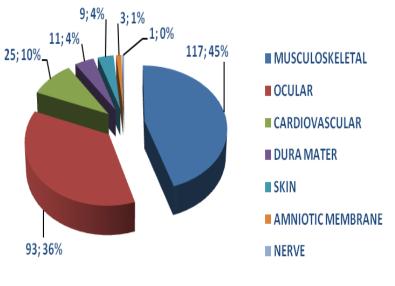


**HPC - RISK OF HARM** 

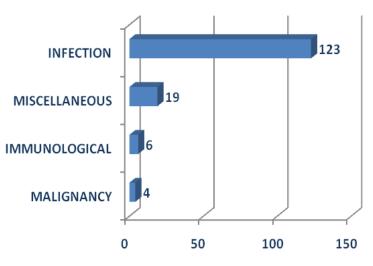




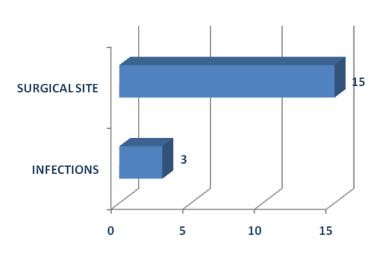
## MPHO TYPE: TISSUES (n=259)



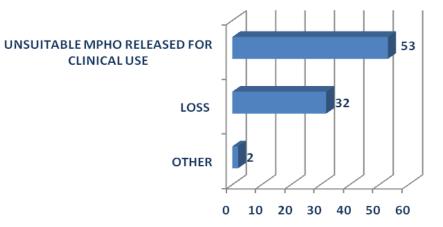
#### **HARM TO A RECIPIENT**



**HARM TO A DONOR** 

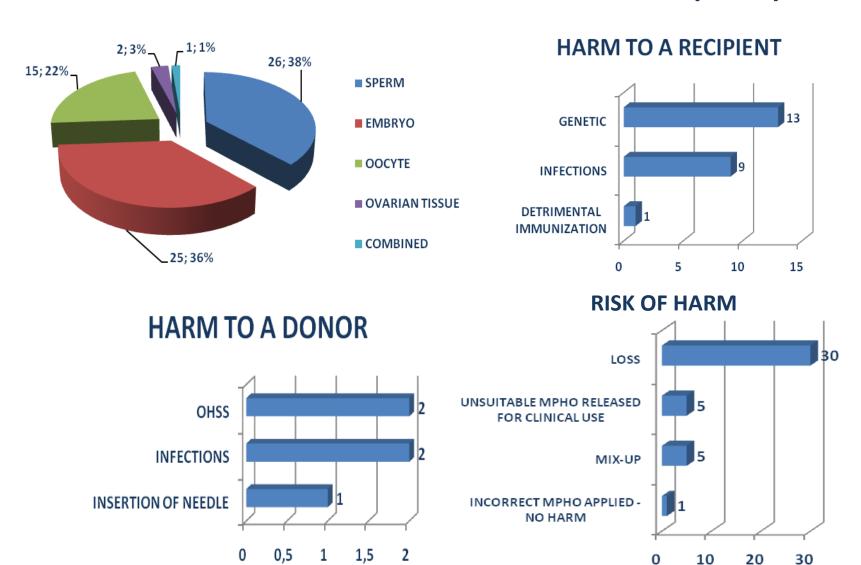


#### **RISK OF HARM**





## REPRODUCTIVE TISSUES AND CELLS (n=69)





# some case examples



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[1561] Tugwell, B.D.; Patel, P.R.; Williams, I.T.; Hedberg, K.; Chai, F.; Nainan, O.V.; Thomas, A.R.; Woll, J.E.; Bell, B.P.; Cieslak, P.R.

Transmission of hepatitis C virus to several organ and tissue recipients from an antibody-negative donor Ann Intern Med 2005; 143(9):648-54

Record ID	Adverse occurrence					
564	Adverse occurrence description: Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)	1referenc				
	Adverse occurrence type: Harm to a Recipient => Infection => Viral => Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)					
	MPH0 type: Tissues => Cardiovascular => Blood vessels					
	Time to detection: 6 weeks					
	Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: One of two saphenous vein recipients were found to have been infected with HCV by the transplanted tissue					
	as part of an investigation following confirmation of transmission to a tendon recipient. The recipient was one of 8 organ and tissue allograft recipients that acquired					
	HCV infection from a seronegative (but HCV RNA positive) recently infected donor. The index case was a patellar tendon (bone-tendon-bone) recipient, who					
	developed "clinical HCV infection" six weeks after transplantation; the other transmissions were identified as part of the investigation that followed that case. HCV RNA					
	testing of cadaveric donors was not required at the time of the donor's death. This publication gave clinical signs, symptoms, outcomes in only two infected recipients:					
	the lung and patellar tendon recipients. Two years after donation, at least three recipients of organs and tissues had been diagnosed with HCV infection but their					
	infections had not been investigated as potential transmissions. HCV transmission demonstrated in 3 of 3 organ recipients, 1 of 3 tendon recipients, 3 of 3					
	$bone-tendon-bone\ recipients, 1\ of\ 2\ saphenous\ vein\ recipients, but\ not\ in\ any\ of\ the\ 16\ recipients\ of\ freeze-dried\ irradiated\ bones, the\ 2\ recipients\ of\ cryopreserved,$					
	antibiotic soaked skin or the one cornea recipient.					
	Estimated frequency: N/A					
	Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Level 4. Certain, Proven. HCV infection in donor and several tissue and organ recipients. Same genotype 1a and					
	phylogenetic nucleic acid arrangement					
	Imputability grade: 3 Definite/Certain/Proven					
	Expert comments for publication:					
	Keywords:					
	HCV (hepatitis C virus) hepatitis C infection NAT (nucleic acid testing) HCV RNA vein saphenous vein blood vessel cryopreservation					
	donor infection lookback donor testing EIA (enzyme immunoassay) allogeneic					



## **HARM TO A RECIPIENT**

Record ID  1154		
Adverse occurrence		
Adverse occurrence description: Discarded kidney in error due to labeling and storage errors		
Adverse occurrence type:Harm to a Recipient => Miscellaneous complications => Undue exposure to risk-intervention		
MPH0 type: Organs => Kidney		
Time to detection: Immediate		
Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: Kidney accidently discarded that had just been removed from a living donor. It had been placed		
unlabeled in an ice bucket then inadvertently flushed down the OR hopper. Personnel did not see the kidney in the ice. The recipient, having been		
anesthetized but not incised has been awakened and informed of the events.		
Estimated frequency: Not reported		
Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Upon further examination, the surgical staff realized that the kidney must be discarded due to the		
extended warm ischemia time and loss of sterility		
Imputability grade: 3 Definite/Certain/Proven		
Expert comments for publication: Only reference found was from a newspaper article		
Keywords:		
kidney discard error living donor OR (operating room) storage labeling		
References [4408] Feehan, J.		
1 reference UTMC review finds nurse failed to follow procedures in botched		
kidney transplant The blade 2012;		



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[4011] Eder, A.; Dy, B.; Kennedy, J.; Notari, E.; Strupp, A.; Wissel, M.; Reddy, R.; Gibble, J.; Haimowitz, M.; Newman, B.; Chambers, L.; Hillyer, C.; Benjamin, R.

The American Red Cross donor hemovigilance program: complications of blood donation reported in 2006. //Transfusion 2008: 48 (9):1809 – 1819

1530

Adverse occurrence description: Injury related to loss of consciousness, automated red cell donation

Adverse occurrence type:Harm to a Donor => Vasovagal reactions

MPH0 type: Blood => Red blood cells

Time to detection: immediate

Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: None specified. Usual signs and symptoms (ISBT definitions) include any injury resulting from the fall or accident in a donor with a vasovagal reaction and/or loss of consciousness (LOC).

Estimated frequency: 0.001%

Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Occurred during or immediately after donation.

Imputability grade: 3 Definite/Certain/Proven

Expert comments for publication: This was a review of all adverse donor reactions occurring within a one year period in the American Red Cross. The denominator was the number of satisfactory (complete) and incomplete donations. Collections included 6,014,472 whole blood (WB), 49,594 apheresis platelets and 228,183 combinations of automated red cell collections. Overall rates of adverse events were WB: 348/10,000 collections; apheresis platelets: 577/10,000 collections and automated red cells: 538/10,000 collections. Major reactions as defined by outside medical care were for WB: 3.2/10,000; automated red cells: 2.9/10,000; this data was not provided for apheresis platelet collections. No latency period was provided but is assumed to be at the time of donation or shortly after. No alerting signals were provided in the paper but were consistent with the ISBT definitions.

Keywords:

RBC (red blood cell)

automated red cell collection

LOC (loss of consciousness)

blood donation

needle insertion

hemovigilance

1 reference

hemovigilance definitions

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vasovagal reaction



### HARM TO A DONOR

#### Record ID 1798 Adverse occurrence Adverse occurrence description: Macroscopic (frank) haematuria due to IgA nephropathy Adverse occurrence type: Harm to a Donor => Drug related reactions => GCSF-related MPH0 type: Cells => HPC => Apheresis Time to detection: Occurs during GCSF injections (although has been described to occur several days later in at least one case). Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: Haematuria Estimated frequency: Uncommon Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Renal biopsy. Definite imputability (if biopsy-proven). Imputability grade: 3 Definite/Certain/Proven Expert comments for publication: Uncommon although documented causal link of haematuria provoked by GCSF injection due to underlying IgA nephropathy. Keywords: G-CSF (granulocyte colony-stimulating factor) allogeneic IgA (immunoglobulin A) apheresis haematuria hematuria PBSC (peripheral blood stem cells) nephropathy [4586] Lee, J.B.L.; Billen, A.; Lown, R.N.; Potter, M.N.; Craddock, C.F.; de Lavallade, H.; Shaw, B.E.; References Sharpe, C.C. 2 references Exacerbation of IgA nephropathy following G-CSF administration for PBSC collection:

Exacerbation of IgA nephropathy following G-CSF administration for PBSC collection: suggestions for better donor screening. Bone marrow transplantation//Bone Marrow Transplant 2016; 51 (2):286 - 7

[4014] Funakoshi, Y.; Nazneen, A.; Nakashima, Y.; Nakashima, K.; Okada, M.; Taguchi, T.; Moriuchi, H.

Possible involvement of G-CSF in IgA nephropathy developing in an allogeneic peripheral blood SCT donor. // Bone Marrow Transplant 2010: 45 (9):1477 - 1478



### **HARM TO OFFSPRING**

Record ID				
■ 102				
Adverse occurrence				
Adverse occurrence description: Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD) transmission by donor sperm				
Adverse occurrence type:Harm to a Fetus or Offspring => Genetic				
MPH0 type: Reproductive => Sperm				
Time to detection: N/A				
Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: Birth of a newborn with autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD) following sperm				
donation.				
Estimated frequency: N/A				
Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Sperm bank failed to disclose that the sperm came from a donor with a family history of Autosomal				
Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD). Neither the woman receiving donor semen or her partner has ADPKD or a family history of the disease.				
Imputability grade:				
Expert comments for publication:				
Keywords:				
insemination heterologous insemination AID (artificial insemination by donor) artificial human donor sperm bank				
sperm donor gamete donor genetic testing genetic counseling ADPKD (autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease)				
non partner [1772]				
Johnson v Superior Court, 80 Cal App 4th 1050 2000; 95 :864-79				
References				
2 references [393] Daar, J.F.; Brzyski, R.G.				

Genetic screening of sperm and oocyte donors: ethical and policy

implications. JAMA 2009; 302 (15):1702 - 4



### **RISK OF HAR**

[4466] Li .JY.

Donors with melanoma history: the risk to ocular tissue recipients International Journal of Eye Banking 2016; 4 (1):1-4

Record ID | Adverse occurrence Adverse occurrence description: Subject review: Donors with melanoma history and risk to ocular tissue recipients 1683 1 reference Adverse occurrence type:Risk of harm => Other MPH0 type: Tissues => Ocular => Cornea Time to detection: 2 months Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence: Recipient developed ocular melanoma within two months of surgery. Estimated frequency: Rare; Review article written in response to single case report of melanoma transmission following keratolimbal allograft. No existing reports in literature documenting melanoma transmission from corneal transplant. Based on the case report a moratorium on use of ocular tissue from donors with melanoma (restricted from all use) and donors with metastatic solid tumors (not to be released for use of vascular components) was issued in February 2016 to be reviewed by the Eye Bank Association of America in October 2016. Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Donor had history of malignant melanoma. Imputability grade: Expert comments for publication: Article was written as a review at the time of active discussion regarding the appropriate response to the cited case report. It is pointed out that donors with solid tumors constitute 30-40% of the ocular donor pool. In the case of melanoma, micrometastases raise concern for the possibility of transmission, but in practice this has not been seen. Possible factors contributing to the absence of known transmissions include the avascular nature of cornea and absence of immunosuppressive drugs. It is also noted that vascularized ocular components (such as keratolimbal allografts) also require immunosuppression and may have tumor transmission risks more similar to solid organ transplants. The article discusses the need to balance restoring sight and patient safety in the difficult setting of limited available evidence Keywords: cornea transplantation keratolimbal melanoma metastasis



#### **RISK OF HARM**

[1553] TRIP.

TRIP annual report 2009 Tissue Vigilance 2009; :19

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Adverse occurrence description: Processing error

Adverse occurrence type:Risk of harm => Loss => Highly matched or autologous MPHO

MPH0 type: Reproductive => Embryo

Time to detection: N/A

**Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence:** Only one embryo was obtained after an emergency IVF procedure for fertility preservation, that by mistake was not frozen on the usual day according to protocol. An adapted freezing procedure for later freezing should have been used but unfortunately this was not done.

Estimated frequency: Very rare

Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause: Preservation process error.

Imputability grade:

Expert comments for publication: Emergency IVF are made in oncologic patients, before chemotherapy or radiotherapy, to preserve fertility. There is usually short time, because patients have to start antineoplastic therapy. Ovarian stimulation is started at the beginning of menses, and, after oocytes retrieval, oocytes or embryos are frozen. Often this is the last opportunity for some oncologic patients who start a very toxic therapy to have some years later a pregnancy, because some antineoplastic therapies induce an irreversible damage to the ovaries. In this case, after an ovarian stimulation, the patient hasn't any embryos to freeze, and maybe she hasn't enough time to start another treatment before the beginning of antineoplastic therapy.

Keywords:

processing

lab error

embryo

freezing protocol

cryopreservation

IVF (in vitro fertilization)

fertility preservation



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Potential transmission of viral hepatitis through use of stored blood vessels as conduits in organ transplantation—Pennsylvania, 2009. MMWR. Morbidity and mortality weekly report//MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2011; 60 (6):172 - 4

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Adverse occurrence description: Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)

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Adverse occurrence type: Risk of harm => Unsuitable MPHO released for clinical use - no harm

MPH0 type: Tissues => Cardiovascular => Blood vessels

Time to detection: N/A

Alerting signals, symptoms, evidence of occurrence:

Estimated frequency: N/A

**Demonstration of Imputability or Root cause:** Error without infection; exposure to hepatitis B from vessel conduit; discovered on review of serologic discordance between vessel donor and recipient.

Imputability grade:

Expert comments for publication: Although hepatitis transmission did not occur in the two cases described in this report, the error of transplanting a vessel from a seropositive donor into a seronegative recipient was the same in these cases as it was in the case where transmission did occur; the error occurred despite appropriate labeling of vessel seropositivity. These are thus considered important "near miss" incidents in which transmission could have occurred despite appropriate safeguards being in place. Based on this investigation, CDC recommends that transplant centers discontinue the practice of storing vessels from donors with viral hepatitis markers. These markers include HBsAg, anti-HCV, or HBV or HCV detectable by nucleic acid tests. This discontinuation would apply to storage of vessels from donors seropositive or nucleic acid—positive, even if their storage was designated for use only with the original organ, because this practice still would not remove the potential for human error resulting in inadvertent use in a seronegative recipient. OPTN currently is considering a binding policy prohibiting storage of hepatitis-seropositive vessels at transplant centers.

Keywords:

HBV (hepatitis B virus)

conduit vessel

viru

asymptomatic

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#### **CONCLUSION**

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The Notify Library is the first database that aims to **organize the current knowledge** about serious adverse events and reactions of organs, blood, tissues, cells and ART available globally **in a single, publically accessible database**.



#### **VISTART JOINT ACTION**

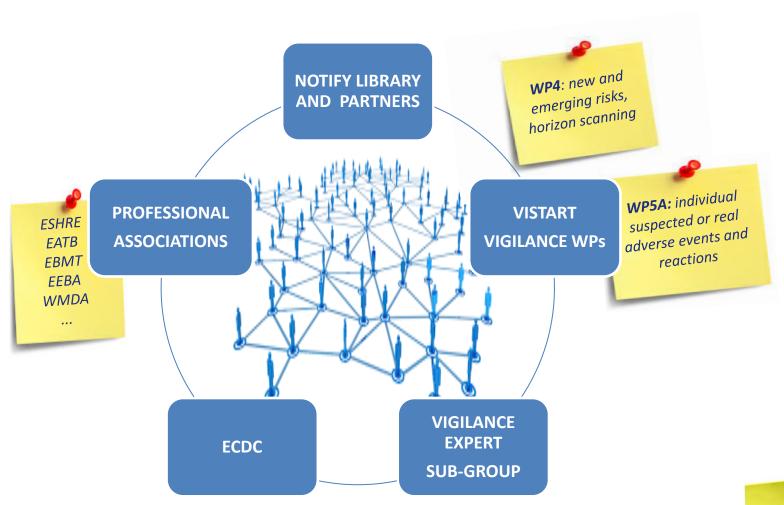
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- Blood, tissues and cells (including ART)
- Specific VISTART WP for Notify Library (WP5A)
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