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Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation (OTDT) Committees

Key Messages

Purpose:

The work of the OTDT Committees has the potential to generate interest from the media and the general public. To ensure clarity and consistency of messaging, we have prepared a set of key messages and potential questions and answers. For assistance coordinating media responses please contact:

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Overarching Key Messages:

- In August 2008, Canadian Blood Services was mandated by the federal, provincial and territorial governments to lead the design of a national system to improve organ and tissue donation and transplantation (OTDT) in Canada.
- The healthcare community and governments agree that improvements to the system are necessary in order to save and improve the lives of Canadians.
- Canadian Blood Services was chosen to lead the design of the national system due to the organization's experience operating a nationally-integrated delivery system, its existing infrastructure and expertise, and the fact that it has earned the trust of Canadians across the country.
- Canadian Blood Services is committed to working collaboratively with the OTDT community, other stakeholders and the public in this important undertaking.
- An integrated, national OTDT system will improve performance and consistency to help more Canadians receive the organs they urgently need and ensure a safe and secure supply of tissues for transplantation.

Committee Key Messages:

- To lead the development of the national strategy Canadian Blood Services has launched three committees that will work hand-in-hand; a steering committee, organ expert committee and tissue expert committee.
- The Steering Committee consists of 12 notable leaders in the areas of healthcare system design, governance and funding and is chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Blood Services – Dr. Graham Sher (See appendix A).



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- The Organ expert committee consists of 23 notable leaders in the field of organ donation and transplantation and is chaired by Dr. Peter Nickerson (See Appendix B).
- The Tissue expert committee consists of 14 notable leaders in the field of tissue donation and transplantation and is chaired by Dr. Locksley McGann (See Appendix C).
- The work of the committees is forecasted for completion by the end of fiscal 2009/2010.
- Provincial and territorial governments will continually be kept apprised throughout the process. Recommendations on a national integrated system will be presented to Deputy Ministers and Ministers of Health in 2010.

First Face-to-Face Meeting:

- All three committees participated in their first face-to-face meeting in June 2009.
- The meetings were spent discussing the current state of the OTDT system in Canada and the need for change. The Committees focused on patient needs, the need to increase donations, and the safety and accessibility of the system.
- There was overall commitment to openness, transparency and the consultation of other stakeholders and the public. As such, the names of committee members will be made available to the public.
- The next series of meetings will take place in the fall of 2009.



Appendix A

Steering Committee

Chair

Dr. Graham Sher, Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Blood Services

Members

Dr. Andrew Baker
Toronto, ON

Dr. John F. Hamm
Stellarton, NS

Commodore Hans Jung
Ottawa, ON

Mr. Craig Knight
Victoria, BC

Dr. Maurice McGregor
Montreal, QC

Honourable A. Anne McLellan
Edmonton, AB

Dr. Brian Postl
Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Judith Shamian
Ottawa, ON

Dr. Michael Strong
Edmonds, WA

Dr. Simon Sutcliffe
Vancouver, BC

Dr. William Wall
London, ON



Appendix B

Organ Expert Committee

Chair

Dr. Peter Nickerson, Executive Medical Director
Canadian Blood Services

Members

Dr. Ian Alwaysn
Halifax, NS

Dr. Tom Blydt-Hansen
Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Noel Gibney
Edmonton, AB

Dr. Greg Grant
Vancouver, BC

Dr. Debra Isaac
Calgary, AB

Dr. Shaf Keshavjee
Toronto, ON

Dr. Greg Knoll
Ottawa, ON

Dr. Frank Markel
Toronto, ON

Mr. Scott McIntaggart
Toronto, ON

Ms. Deanna Paulson
Edmonton AB

Dr. John Tallon
Halifax, NS

Dr. Stephen Beed
Halifax, NS

Dr. Michel Carrier
Montreal, QC

Dr. David Grant
Toronto, ON

Dr. Adeera Levin
Vancouver, BC

Dr. Anthony Jevnikar
London, ON

Dr. Norman Kneteman
Edmonton, AB

Dr. Robert Levy
Vancouver, BC

Ms. Raylene Matlock
Saskatoon, SK

Dr. Giuseppe Pagliarello
Ottawa, ON

Dr. Sam Shemie
Montreal, QC

Ms. Kimberly Young
Edmonton, AB



Appendix C

Tissue Expert Committee

Chair

Dr. Locksley McGann, Adjunct Scientist
Canadian Blood Services

Members

Mr. Mike Bentley
Edmonton, AB

Mr. Scott Brubaker
McLean, VA, USA

Dr. Michael Gross
Halifax, NS

Dr. David Howarth
Toronto, ON

Dr. Sarvesh Logsetty
Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Hassan Moghadam
Ottawa, ON

Mr. Christopher Snow
Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Brian Berry
Victoria, BC

Ms. Mary Gatién
Saint John, NB

Dr. Frank Hohn
Saskatoon, SK

Mr. Dermot Kelly
Vancouver, BC

Mr. Sean Margueratt
Halifax, NS

Dr. Jutta Preiksaitis
Edmonton, AB