

## Contraindications to tissue donation

Check the list below for any general contraindications to tissue donation before offering to families. If unsure refer to the East Grinstead Eye Bank **01342 414000 and ask to page the on call eye retriever** for clarification before offering the option.

- a. **Infectious diseases** i.e. CJD, HIV, Hep A, B & C, (inc behaviour relating to an increased risk), Tuberculosis (MRSA is not a contraindication for corneal donation)
- b. **Viral disease** i.e. viral meningitis (bacterial sepsis or meningitis is acceptable)
- c. **Central nervous system diseases** of unknown aetiology (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, other dementias, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Motor Neurone disease)
- d. **Malignancies** (leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma, sideroblastic anaemia, polycythaemia) **Solid organ malignancy is NOT a contraindication for corneas**
- e. **Auto immune diseases** i.e. sarcoidosis, rheumatoid arthritis, crohne's disease
- f. **Previous organ transplant**
- g. **High dose steroids >15mgs prednisolone or equivalent).**

**NOTE;** Patients who receive high dose steroids i.e dexamethasone infusions for comfort measures as part of end of life care are suitable for corneal donation **providing the time they are receiving steroids is limited to within 2 weeks of the death.**

Patients on long term steroids where the dose exceeds 15mgs prednisolone or its equivalent are acceptable providing the high dose does not exceed a period of 2 weeks and they return to a lower dose within 6 months leading up to the death.

**Equivalent steroid total daily doses;**

**Hydrocortisone 60mgs**

**Dexamethasone 2.25mg**

**Methylprednisolone 12mg**

**Betamethasone 2.25mg**

**Cortisone acetate 75mg**

**Triamcinolone 12mg**