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**CONSENT FOR AN ORGAN FROM A DONOR WITH ACTIVE
HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) INFECTION**

In response to the increased demand for organ donors, the organ donor network (UNOS) and transplant centers across the country continue to identify new opportunities for those waiting for transplant. Donor organs that come from a patient who is actively infected with HCV may be otherwise excellent donor organs. Transplant of HCV-positive (viremic, or RNA-positive) donors leads to a nearly 100% chance that the recipient will become HCV-infected. However, given recent advances in HCV treatment, a 98% HCV cure rate is possible after transplant after the initial HCV treatment. Further treatment if there is treatment failure initially results in nearly universal cure. Receipt of an HCV-positive organ will infect you with HCV and thus HCV will need to be eradicated after transplant. The benefit to you is that being open to receiving an HCV-positive organ may significantly decrease the time it takes to get an organ transplant and this treatment strategy has been shown to be safe and effective in transplant recipients.

Potential Benefits

You may be transplanted faster as not all transplant centers are using these donors. The quality of the organ may be better. Many young organ donors who are HCV-positive are otherwise healthy.

Potential Risks

It is likely that you will get Hepatitis C from this type of donor. You will need to take medications after transplant to treat the infection. The medications are expensive, but most insurance pays for the medication. If you and your insurance company have trouble paying for this HCV treatment, OHSU will help with obtaining the medications. As with all medications some patients have side effects. Most are very well tolerated.

There is a small risk that you could develop a serious liver condition called Fibrosing Cholestatic Hepatitis, or a serious form of kidney disease called Membranoproliferative Glomerulonephritis (MPGN), but these conditions can also be treated with HCV medications with a very high cure rate.

If you would like to be considered for this type of donor, please sign below and return to your transplant coordinator so that you can be considered when these organs become available. You may choose to decline this option at the time of transplant if offered to you.

Authorization

I understand that by signing this consent I agree to be called with offers for Hepatitis C Virus-positive organs. I have read the above information and it has been verbally explained to me. I have asked and received answers to my questions.

Authorizing Signatures:

Signature of Patient or Person Authorized to Sign

Transplant Team Member Signature

Print Name

Print Team Member Name

Relationship to Patient

Date

Date

