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Laser Treatment

These changes apply to the Deceased Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines

Please make the following changes to the entry:

Obligatory

1. All tissues:
Must not donate if:
For malignancy.

~~**2. Eyes:**
Must not donate if:
Has had laser refractive surgery to the cornea.~~

Discretionary

1. Tissues other than Eyes:
a) If for Basal Cell Carcinoma, treatment is completed and fully recovered, accept.
b) If for Cervical Carcinoma in Situ, treatment is completed and a follow up smear did not show abnormal cells, accept.
c) If for cosmetic purposes, accept when healed.
d) If laser refractive surgery to the cornea, accept when healed.

2. Eyes:
a) If for retinal surgery, accept.
b) if donor has had laser-refractive surgery to the cornea – accept when healed (see '*Additional Information*' section)
c) If related to malignancy, see **Malignancy**.

See if Relevant

Basal Cell Carcinoma
Cervical Carcinoma in Situ

Reason for Change

To clarify that prior laser refractive surgery is not an absolute contraindication to eye donation.

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Additional Information

Laser refractive surgery affects the anterior part of the cornea. Corneal tissue from donors with healed laser refractive surgery can be used for Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK).

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