Vessel Disposition Reporting: FAQs

Note: New policy language is reflected in red type.

Background:

At the November 2012 BOD meeting there was policy language change that impacted vessel reporting. The transplant program must report usage of vessels within 7 days of use or destruction. The effective date was to be determined based on implementation pending programming.

Below is the new language that will go into effect on October 22, 2015:

New policy language is highlighted (16.6.B Vessel Storage)

...the transplant hospital must designate a person to do all of the following:

1. Monitor and maintain all records relating to the use and management of vessels
2. Monitor the refrigerator where the vessels are stored
3. Destroy expired vessels
4. Report the vessel's use or disposal to the OPTN Contractor within seven days of the transplant hospital's use or disposal of the vessels

Reporting vessel disposition

1. Q: **Why can't I find the vessel recipient when I am adding a vessel transplant disposition?**
   A: There are several security measures applied when searching for transplanted recipients:

   i. The recipient of a vessel transplant must be an organ transplant recipient. If the recipient of the vessel is not an organ transplant recipient. If this is not the case, please report this policy violation in the Patient Safety portal of UNet.
   ii. The recipient did not receive an organ transplant at the hospital or is not a current patient at their hospital.
   iii. The user must have the appropriate vessels permissions to that hospital's program. The hospital's site administrator must grant the user vessel permissions for each program type.
   iv. If the vessel donor ID is a <u>living donor</u>, only the recipient(s) of the living donor transplant can be the recipient of a vessel transplant. If this is not the case, please report this policy violation in the Patient Safety portal of UNet.

2. Q: **Can I report a vessel disposition if the vessel is from a living donor?**
   A: Yes, the vessel reporting system allows users to report vessel dispositions for vessels from deceased <u>and</u> living donors.

3. Q: **Can/Should I report multiple extra vessel dispositions from the same vessel donor?**
   A: Yes. Each extra vessel from the donor can be reported separately. To help minimize data entry errors, please note in the "Additional information" field that multiple vessels were received from this donor.

4. Q: **Do I still need to submit a justification if an extra vessel was sent to my hospital (shared) or can I add it in the "Additional information" field?**
   A: Yes. Per policy:

   > If sharing occurs between transplant programs, the implanting program must submit to the OPTN a detailed explanation justifying the sharing. The justification will be reviewed by the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC). The implanting transplant program must notify the OPTN of subsequent disposition of the vessel(s).

   Users can provide additional information in the system, but a UNOS staff member will still contact the hospital for further justification data. The "Additional information" text does not replace that process.

5. Q: **I made an error while adding a vessel disposition. What should I do?**
   A: The user can go to the Search screen to find the record, click on the SSN and update the data. If you need a record deleted, he can create a work order and request for that record to be deleted. UNOS staff has the capability to delete vessel records.

Searching for vessel data

6. Q: **Why can't I find my vessel donor data when I search for it?**
   A: All vessel transplants that were reported at the time of the candidate's removal can be found in the new vessel search screen. Vessel data submitted <u>by fax</u> can be found in the new vessel search if the vessel donor was recovered on or after 8/1/2012. We only converted 3 years of faxed data because UNOS site surveyors only go back to 3 years of data for site surveys.

7. Q: **Why do I see extra vessel records when I didn't add them through the new Extra Vessels system?**
   A: All vessel transplants reported at the time of the candidate's **removal** from the waiting list will display in the vessels system. <u>You do not need to report these transplanted vessel events again</u> <u>if these were already reported at the time of the candidate's removal.</u>

   Vessel data submitted by your hospital **via fax** for donors recovered on or after 8/1/2012 will also display in the vessels system.

Expected vessel data

8. Q: **What is the timeline for reporting vessel disposition?**
   A: Per the new policy implementation, all vessel dispositions must be reported within 7 days of the transplant hospital's use or disposal of the vessels. This policy will apply only to donors **recovered on and after 10/22/2015** (implementation day of the new electronic vessel reporting application.). Therefore, the new policy language (*16.6.B Vessel Storage)* will not be applicable for the expected vessel data for donors recovered prior to 10/22/2015. However, the members can submit ALL known vessel dispositions regardless of timeframe.

9. Q: **Why is the donor ID still appearing on my TIEDI® Expected Data screen when I already reported the vessel disposition for a donor? Or why are these donor IDs showing up on my Expected Extra Vessel Disposition report?**

   A: Either the OPO or another hospital reported that an extra vessel was sent to your hospital. Data must match to remove that donor ID from the expected data screen.

   If the vessel was sent by the OPO ("Received From" column), make sure the "Donor Organ" column matches the "Organ accompanied" field in the Extra Vessel Reporting screen. The OPO has reported that the vessel was sent with that donor organ. If there is a discrepancy, please contact the OPO to reconcile your records.

   If the vessel was sent by another transplant hospital ("Received From" column) and that is incorrect, please contact the hospital to reconcile your records.

Importing/Exporting vessel data

10. Q: **Can I import or export my vessel data?**
    A: No, there is no import or export functionality at this time for vessel data. Therefore, there is no impact to the vendor community. If the member needs more data have them submit a data request.