

3.0 ORGAN DISTRIBUTION

The following policies apply to the allocation of organs for transplantation.

- 3.3 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA.** The following policies apply to donor and organ acceptance criteria:
- 3.3.1 Donor Acceptance Criteria.** Each organ procurement organization shall establish criteria defining what constitutes an acceptable deceased donor or organ for the OPO or the transplant program(s) it serves. Each OPO is required to offer organs to OPOs with more liberal criteria when, as the Host OPO, it chooses to reject a particular deceased donor.
 - 3.3.2 Non-renal Organ Acceptance Criteria.** A transplant center may inform the UNOS Organ Center of the criteria according to which that transplant center will accept non-renal organs allocated through the UNOS Organ Center. The UNOS Organ Center will not subsequently offer that transplant center non-renal organs that fail to meet such criteria.
 - 3.3.3 Renal Acceptance Criteria.** All transplant centers must inform the UNOS Organ Center of the criteria according to which they will accept deceased kidneys allocated through the UNOS Organ Center. The UNOS Organ Center will not subsequently offer to that transplant center deceased kidneys that fail to meet the center's acceptance criteria.
 - 3.3.4 Antigen Mismatch Criteria.** A transplant center may specify the maximum number of mismatched antigens acceptable for any of its patients. The UNOS computer Match System will then print only those patients with a number of antigens mismatched with a donor equal to or less than such maximum mismatch criteria.
 - 3.3.5 Transplant Recipient Backup for Organ Offers.** OPOs are encouraged to make backup offers for all organs. A backup offer shall be considered equivalent to an actual organ offer and the backup center shall have one hour to respond after receiving the minimum data required for an organ offer pursuant to UNOS Policies 3.5.7, 3.6.9, 3.7.9 and/or 3.8.5. Refusal to consider or respond to a backup offer will be considered as a refusal to accept the organ. The backup center may later refuse to accept the organ based on medical or logistical criteria. The backup center should be notified promptly of any change in donor status or organ disposition.
 - 3.3.6 Center Acceptance of Organ Offers.** If an organ is offered and accepted without conditions, the Host OPO and recipient transplant center shall be bound by this transaction unless there is mutual agreement on an alternative allocation of the organ.