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Subject: Additional requirements on the use of organs from SARS-CoV-2 positive deceased donors, update to the 21/08/2020 note (Prot. 1413/CNT2020).

This is to inform that organs from **SARS-CoV-2 positive deceased donors** may be offered, after consulting with the second opinion expert on infectious diseases, to:

- patients on the waiting list for a heart or liver transplant, **SARS-CoV-2 positive, or with COVID-19 positive medical history, in severe clinical conditions.** The medical team responsible for the transplant has the task of assessing whether the risk of death or the onset of serious complications connected to the patient's permanence on the waiting list makes the risk of donor to recipient disease transmission **acceptable**.
- patients on the waiting list for a kidney transplant, **with COVID-19 positive medical history, as part of an experimental national study.** Patients who match the above-described specific requirements, may be initiated to the transplant procedure, case by case, after contact with CNT and the second opinion expert on infectious diseases, and after accepting the specific informed consent and post-transplant monitoring. It is also recommended that the anti-SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies be measured in the recipients, the result of which may also be available after the transplant has been performed.

Organs from SARS-CoV-2 negative deceased donors can be offered to SARS-CoV-2 positive patients **only in the case of clinical emergency and after evaluation by the second opinion expert.**

Patients who do not meet the above-indicated conditions, and that may test SARS-CoV-2 positive, can be re-enrolled on the waiting list **after 14 days from their PCR assay negativization.**

In case of SARS CoV-2 positivity of a patient enrolled in the national urgency list, please inform the National Allocation office CNT-O, in order to correctly apply the indications above.