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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Services

D.O.No.S.12011/05/2024-MS/NOTTO/260

Dated: 15.10.2024

Subject: Establishing registry system for tissue/cornea donation/retrieval and distribution in the country.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to a meeting held under the chairmanship of the Director General of Health Services on cornea Donation/Retrieval/Distribution and other related issues on 14th May 2024, wherein certain action points have been identified (the copy of the minutes is enclosed at **Annexure-1**).

2. The following mandates have been given to the Central Government under the indicated clauses of the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act 1994:

a) "13C. National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network—The Central Government may, by notification, establish a National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network at one or more places and Regional Network in such manner and to perform such functions, as may be prescribed.

b) 13D. National registry —The Central Government shall maintain a national registry of the donors and recipients of human organs and tissues and such registry shall have such information as may be prescribed to an ongoing evaluation of the scientific and clinical status of human organs and tissues."

3. Further Central Government has established the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) at apex level for carrying out the above-mentioned functions. In addition, five Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations at regional and twenty-one at state level have been established. These organizations network with all organ and tissue transplant centres, retrieval centres and tissue banks for providing an efficient system of organ and tissue procurement in the country and distribution and maintaining the national registry.

4. Thus, besides organ transplant and retrieval centres, all tissues transplant including cornea transplant centres and tissue banks including eye banks registered by state appropriate authority are required to link with the national registry maintained by NOTTO and share the data related to list of patients waiting for tissue/cornea transplant, number of tissue/cornea donation & transplantation and number of tissue/cornea stored and utilized.

5. In view of above, Appropriate authority(ies) of each State is requested to issue directions to all registered hospitals / centres performing tissue/ cornea transplant and tissue/eye banking for mandatorily linking them with National registry through the hospital registration link available on home page of website of NOTTO i.e. www.notto.mohfw.gov.in. For any help in registration, the hospital may contact following telephone numbers: 011-26164770, 1800-11-4770, 8802839496 (during office hours) or email- dir@notto.nic.in, itnotto@gmail.com .

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After online filling up of form for linking with NOTTO, an attested hard copy of the filled form shall be sent to Director NOTTO's office, after which the login account of the hospital/centre will be activated. After activation of the account, the hospitals/centres will be able to register their patients for including in the waiting list of respective tissue/cornea transplant. Hospitals should be encouraged to enter the details digitally in the NOTTO Registry and update the same regularly.

6. The appropriate authority of each State should also collect data on tissue/cornea donation and transplantation from all such registered centers and furnish the same to NOTTO every month. The forms for data collection are enclosed as enclosure at **Annexure-2**.

7. It is to mention that as per provisions of THOTA 1994 Registration for cornea retrieval is not required however: -

- a) Eye banks shall provide the list of their associated/feeder Cornea donation/ retrieval centers to the State Appropriate Authority, which should also be shared with the NOTTO.
- b) Further Eye banks will be required to take the responsibility of maintenance of required standards as per THOTA, 1994 by associated/feeder Cornea donation/ retrieval centers.

8. It is also noted that there are many non performing eye banks who have been granted registration. As per the THOTA rules 2014, Form No-15 (Point No-H), a minimum of 500 corneas are to be collected in 5 years by each eye bank i.e. **on average 50 eye/100 cornea collections per year**. The appropriate authority of state is requested to examine the data on eye/cornea collection annually by the registered eye banks and in case of less performance, the authority can consider to issue a warning notice to the eye bank for augmenting their eye donation activities otherwise in case of under-performance their renewal may not be considered for the next term.

9. We request your prompt action on the above lines and an action taken report (ATR) may please be submitted to the office of the Director NOTTO, within next one month.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. Anil Kumar)

To:

The Appropriate Authority for organ and tissue transplantation under THOTA 1994, All States/UTs

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ACS/Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Health and FW), All States/UTs

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Minutes of the Meeting

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting on Cornea donation / Retrieval / Distribution and other related issues under the Chairmanship of DGHS .

The minutes of the meeting on above mentioned subject, held under the chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) Atul Goel, DGHS on 14.05.2024 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi is enclosed herewith for your information and further necessary action.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,

(Dr Awadhesh Kumar Yadav)
CMO(NFSG)

To,

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