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## HTK Solution

### The Cold Standard

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." - Anon.

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**CUSTODIOL® HTK: The solution of Choice for Canadian transplant professionals**

#### Transplantation Meeting Calendar

##### June 12–15, 2007

**AOPO 24th Annual Meeting**  
Fairmont Hotel  
Dallas, TX

##### August 12–15, 2007

**NATCO 32nd Annual Meeting**  
Marriott New York Marquis  
New York, NY

##### November 11-14, 2007

**2007 ISOPD & ITCS**  
Loews Philadelphia Hotel  
Philadelphia, PA



**A Human Green Ribbon in support of Transplant Awareness**

### Initial experience with Liver transplants from DCD

The Multi-Organ Transplant Program at London Health Sciences Center recently presented their early results with DCD liver transplants at the CST in Banff. Although somewhat limited in subject numbers, the results were no less encouraging. Two livers from controlled DCD donors were transplanted in July and August of 2006. The warm ischemic time was 28 and 30 minutes in the two donors and cold ischemic time was less than 6 hours in both cases. Both livers and kidneys were flushed *in situ* with CUSTODIOL® HTK solution. Liver

enzymes reached normal levels between 11 and 14 days after surgery and no biliary complications occurred. As a result, the two livers from DCD donors have functioned well and both recipients have normal liver function 3 and 4 months after transplantation. The Multi Organ Transplant center continues to have good DCD outcomes using CUSTODIOL® HTK. The low viscosity of CUSTODIOL® HTK solution has been shown to reduce the risk of biliary complications in liver transplantation which is thought to be a major advantage when flushing organs from DCD donors.

### FYI 2007 Organ Donation Congress

This year's Organ Donation Congress of the International Society of Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP) and the International Transplant Coordinators Society (ITCS) will take place on November 11 - 14, 2007 in Philadelphia. The meeting will cover a wide range of topics including organ preservation, expanded donor criteria, and donation after cardiac death. The

congress is designed for organ procurement and transplant professionals, including transplant surgeons, physicians, and coordinators interested in the clinical and research aspects of organ donation, procurement, and preservation. Frank Markel from Ontario's Trillium Gift of Life Network is on the 2007 planning committee, and the program is shaping up to be an interesting one.

### Organ Donation Awareness Events Across the Country

The Green ribbon is a symbol that represents the lives that can be saved through organ and tissue donation. During the week of April 22 – 29, 2007, hundreds of people across the country gathered together to remember and honor the gift of life given through organ donation. Supporters wore green ribbons and held information sessions in hospitals, malls and legislative

assemblies. They also formed human green ribbons from Halifax to Vancouver as part of National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week activities. The precious gift of organ donation could not be realized without the hard work of dedicated professionals in the organ donation field. Methapharm salutes all those who work in this very challenging and rewarding area.

Do you have a suggestion for a topic to use in our future newsletters? Please contact Rob Sanderson at 1.800.287.7686 x 7231