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CUSTODIOL®
HTK Solution

The Cold Standard

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

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Remember...a little goes a long way and there's no advantage to overflushing

Transplantation Meeting Calendar

March 15–18, 2007

CST/CAT 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting

The Fairmont Banff Springs
Banff, AB

May 5–9, 2007

American Transplant Congress 2007

Moscone West Convention Center
San Francisco, CA

June 12–15, 2007

AOPO 24th Annual Meeting

Fairmont Hotel
Dallas, TX

DCD Transplantation in Canada

Canada is moving forward with DCD, though the process hasn't been an easy one. There are cultural barriers, ethical barriers and physicians worry that DCD might impact the regular donor pool. Additionally, transplant surgeons and organ retrieval teams need to have additional training to retrieve organs from DCD donors.

The national consensus remains that DCD transplantation represents a potential source of deceased donor organs that has not been used in Canada. According to a recent Canadian Forum on DCD transplantation

entitled "Donation after Cardiac Death: A Panel Discussion of the Ethical Issues", DCD represents a "10-34% increase in transplantable organs". Early returns in New England suggest DCD could increase organ availability by 30%, a substantial hike given that organs are now obtained only from people suffering brain death (just 1.4% of all deaths).

Although DCD transplantation is widely practiced in the US and several European nations, there have only been 3 cases in Canada, all initiated at the behest of a donor's family.

The Right Solution for DCD

CUSTODIOL® HTK has been the flush solution of choice for all Canadian DCD transplant cases to date. Both the London and Ottawa transplant programs achieved excellent results by flushing with CUSTODIOL® HTK alone.

CUSTODIOL® HTK provides a low viscosity similar to that of water, giving a more complete fast cold flush which is thought to be a major advantage when flushing DCD donor organs.

The low viscosity has been shown to reduce the risk of biliary complications in liver transplantation and

provide protection against delayed graft function in kidney transplantation.

Custodiol® HTK now available in 5L bags

CUSTODIOL® HTK is available in 1, 2 and now 5L bags for greater convenience when dealing with the larger flush volumes associated with DCD multi-organ donors. With CUSTODIOL® HTK there are no more multi-bag switches....just hang, spike and flush.

For further information please contact Rob Sanderson at 1.800.287.7686 x7231, to discuss how we can tailor a program with CUSTODIOL® HTK for your transplant center.

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