Name of Policy: **Donor Organ for Transplant Packing Policy**

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Department: Kidney Transplant Administration (Nursing Service)

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. (A) **Policy Statement**

The policy is to ensure that approved packaging and shipping regulations are used during recovery of living donor kidney’s being shipped to another transplant center.

(B) **Purpose of Policy**

To comply with OPTN/UNOS regulations regarding shipping of organs for transplant. The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) has a standing contract with Life Connection of Ohio (LCO) the local Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) for packaging all recovered living kidneys that are being shipped to another transplant center for transplantation. These transplants are made possible by the paired exchange programs. It is the policy that UTMC along with LCO will follow the UNOS policy 16.0 regarding standardized packaging of human organs and tissue typing materials.

(C) **Procedure**

1. Standard organ package specifications will be used in accordance with UNOS policy.
2. Standard package label specifications will be used in accordance with UNOS policy.
3. Transportation responsibility will be in accordance with UNOS policy.
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