(A) Policy Statement
The location of the deceased or living donor organ will be monitored throughout the entire peri-operative period. The donor organ is only to be handled by the transplant surgeon. An operating room nurse can handle the outer container(s) (shipping box and outer thermal container) in which a donor kidney is shipped, received, and stored.

(B) Purpose of Policy
To provide a safe process for monitoring the location of the explanted donor organ until it is implanted in the recipient.

(C) Procedure
1. When a deceased or living donor organ is received in the OR area from an outside source, the nurse receiving the organ will enter the organ arrival time into the OR kidney log book.
2. The documentation will include whether the kidney arrived on pump, was taken to an operating room for cleaning/implantation or stored in the OR blood refrigerator.
3. All movement of the kidney prior to the kidney being taken to the recipient OR will be documented in the OR kidney log.

If the donor organ needs to be transported from one operating room to another as on a living donor case or when a deceased donor kidney must be cleaned in another operating room, the organ will be transported in the approved sterile container with a secured lid. The organ must be handled by the transplant surgeon.
4. The container lid label will be filled out with the appropriate information for that case with a sterile marker prior to transport.

![Kidney Container Lid Label]

5. Once the kidney is moved to the recipient OR all further movement of the kidney is documented in the electronic medical record by the circulating nurse in the recipient operating room.

6. Any time the kidney is not under the direct control and observation of the transplant surgeon the colored kidney sign will be placed on top of the container.

![Kidney in Slush]

7. Nursing personnel will document the use of the sign and location of the donor organ at all times.
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