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Organ Transplantation

**WEBINAR ON 'TISSUE DONATION FROM DECEASED DONORS
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC'
28 April 2020, 15:00 - 17:30 (CEST)**

PROGRAMME

Chaired by:

Akila CHANDRASEKAR, Joint UK Blood Transfusion and Tissue Transplantation Services Professional Advisory Committee (UK), Co-Chair of the Council of Europe European Committee on Organ Transplantation and the Guide to the Quality and Safety of Tissues and Cells for Human Application

Jacinto SANCHEZ-IBAÑEZ, Director at the Tissue Establishment and Cryobiology Unit of the University Hospital of A Coruña (Spain), Co-Chair of the Guide to the Quality and Safety of Tissues and Cells for Human Application and President of the European Association of Tissue and Cell Banks

- 15:00-15:05** **Opening Remarks & Introduction by the EDQM, Council of Europe**
Susanne Keitel, Director EDQM, and Laurent Mallet, Head of Department of Biological Standardisation, OMCL Network & HealthCare (DBO)
- 15:05-15:15** **Introduction by the Chairs**
- 15:15-16:05** **Experiences from tissue establishments in different countries**
(General situation in the country; situation as regards tissue donation from deceased donors, precautionary measures for tissue procurement and processing, availability of personnel in tissue establishments, clinical applications, provisions to control tissue availability).
- 15:15-15:25 Eliana Porta, Centro Nazionale Trapianti, Italy
- 15:25-15:35 Isabelle Martinache, Agence de la Biomédecine, France
- 15:35-15:45 Ralf Reinhard Tönjes, Paul Ehrlich Institute, and Martin Börgel, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gewebetransplantation, Germany
- 15:45-15:55 Jorge Gayoso, Organización Nacional de Trasplantes, and Anna Vilarrodona, Banc de Sang i Teixits, Spain
- 15:55-16:05 Kyle Bennett, National Health Services Blood and Transplant, United Kingdom
- 16:05-16:30** **Questions & Answers**

16:30-16:45 Risk of transmission through tissues from deceased donors and testing practices
Dragoslav Domanovic, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

16:45-17:20 Open Discussion

- Initiatives to foster exchange of life-saving and/or perishable tissues at national and international level.
- Considerations regarding the use of tissues collected before exceptional measures were declared.
- Future changes in testing practices.
- Preparedness measures in tissue establishments once lockdown is lifted.

17:20-17:30 Conclusions & Closing Remarks

Close of the webinar