



MEDICAL ADVISORY

The following changes were made at the June 27, 2025, meeting of the Medical Advisory Board and will become effective on **October 1, 2025**.

D1.110 EBAA Contraindications to Transplant

Determination of donor eligibility is an eye banking function including considerations listed in multiple sources (e.g., U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Health Canada, various state departments, Medical Director input, etc.). In addition to these sources, the EBAA Medical Advisory Board has determined that tissues from persons with the following are potentially health threatening for the recipient(s) or pose a risk to the success of the surgery and shall not be offered for surgical purposes:

A. All Ocular Donors

1. death of unknown cause and there is likelihood of other exclusionary criteria;
2. congenital rubella;
3. Reye syndrome within the past three months;
4. Active viral encephalitis of unknown origin or progressive encephalopathy (e.g., subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, etc.);
5. active bacterial or viral meningitis;
6. active bacterial or fungal endocarditis;
7. donors with suspected rabies, as well as~~and~~persons who, within the past six months, were bitten or scratched within the past 12 months by an animal suspected to be infected with rabies, or whose condition is otherwise unknown, should be deferred;
8. intrinsic eye disease;
 - a. retinoblastoma;
 - b. malignant tumors of the anterior ocular segment or known adenocarcinoma in the eye of primary or metastatic origin;
 - c. active ocular or intraocular inflammation: conjunctivitis, keratitis, scleritis, iritis, uveitis, vitreitis, choroiditis, or retinitis;
9. active leukemias;
10. active disseminated lymphomas;

11. Parkinson, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, and Alzheimer disease;
12. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD), or family member with CJD;
13. history of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD);
14. active Lyme disease (known or suspected)
15. history of melanoma with known metastatic disease*

* Excluded from this contraindication are tissues subjected to terminal sterilization methods that deactivate neoplastic cells (e.g., gamma irradiation of corneas preserved in albumin).