Name of Policy:	Storage of Vessels for Transplantation		
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(A) Policy Statement

Unused vessels that accompany organs for transplantation will be discarded at the end of every transplant procedure. Unused vessels will not be used for another recipient or stored for use on a recipient at a later time.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To comply with OPTN/UNOS regulations regarding vessel storage.

(C) **Procedure**

- (1) At the end of every transplant operation, any unused vessels will be disposed of by the operating room staff.
- (2) The transplant staff will report vessel disposition in UNET/Tiedi. Reporting will occur within 7 days of destruction per UNOS policy.
- (3) No vessels will be stored for use on a recipient at a later time.
- (4) If the spleen and lymph nodes are packed with the donor organ, they will be taken to the tissue typing lab.
- (5) Vessels which are to be used for research will be transported to the research laboratory as soon as possible. They will not be used for transplantation.

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