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The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand

ANZSN -TSANZ Kidney Transplant Information/Education Working Group - Terms of Reference

Background

Member surveys at multiple Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN) Dialysis, Nephrology and Transplantation workshops have identified the lack of a unified approach to the educational process for patients being worked up for living and deceased donor kidney transplantation as a priority issue to be addressed.

Members of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN) and of the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ), are working together to develop a framework for the provision of pre-transplant educational about the benefits and harms of kidney transplantation which will assist renal units in guiding patients to an appropriate decision and facilitate informed consent for transplantation

Purpose

The Working Group purpose is to develop guidance such that renal units can develop a framework that promotes patient education prior to kidney transplantation. Education should be tailored to the individual patient's assessment.

The guidance's purpose is to:

- Understanding what approaches to education and assessment for kidney transplantation exist within Australia and New Zealand.
- Provide a useful reference to renal units and jurisdictions that are yet to develop a formal process for transplant assessment and patient education in order to facilitate informed consent.
- Ensure that kidney patients have a baseline level of understanding of their specific and individual risks and benefits prior to acceptance by the transplanting unit as suitable for transplantation.
- Provide information that is tailored to a patients medical, social and cultural circumstances and ensure this is also conveyed to the patients treating team

Working Group Outcomes

The Working Group will:

- Review existing pathways for provision of pre-transplant education and assessment across different Australian and New Zealand transplant centres, states, territories and jurisdictions.

- Develop a co-badged ANZSN/TSANZ guidance document outlining a framework for transplantation assessment, education and communication to the patient and referring unit.
- Provide a list of reference materials for shared use by renal and transplanting units in the education process.
- Promote awareness, and advocate for the use of the guidance documents and materials through ANZSN and TSANZ networks, members and education pathways.

Membership

The working group will be formed by 6-8 members and a Chair, appointed by both ANZSN and TSANZ by mutual agreement, plus secretariat staff. Representation may include a transplant surgeon/physician, paediatrician, NZ representative and a patient representative (ideally including Indigenous Australian/Maori/Pacific Island representation).

Additional expertise will be considered and consulted / appointed by mutual agreement.

Working Group Governance

The Working Group reports to the TSANZ Council and ANZSN Policy and Quality Committee. The Working Group members will be required to abide by the relevant policies of both Societies, particularly in regard to confidentiality of proceedings, external communications and the management of Conflicts of Interest. Any changes to these ToR will need to be approved by both TSANZ and ANZSN.

Working group Meetings

The Working Group shall generally meet monthly. More frequent meetings may be required in the establishment phase. It is anticipated the working group will commence in mid-2022 and its functions will be completed by end March of 2023.

Secretariat and resourcing

The meetings of the Working Group will be supported by the ANZSN policy officer and TSANZ project officer in terms of meeting set up and minute taking. If further resourcing is required related to the delivery of the Working Group's functions it will be determined by mutual agreement between the two organisations as the work progresses.