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| **University of Washington,**  **Harborview Medical Center**  **325 9th Ave. Seattle, WA, 98104**  **Transfusion Services Laboratory**  **Policies and Procedures Manual** | **Original Effective Date:**  March 10, 2014 | **Number: C5004-1** |
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| TITLE: Storage and Release of Non-Conforming Autologous Bone | | |

**Purpose:**

To define non-conforming autologous bone and describe the policy and procedure for storage and distribution of non-conforming autologous bone.

**Policy:**

Transfusion Services adheres to current good tissue practices (cGTP) for the acceptance, storage and distribution of autologous bone. These include defining conditions that must be met for a product to be accepted, stored and released. Because these are irreplaceable specimens, under rare circumstances, with the approval of the Medical Director of Transfusion Services and the Attending physician, a product may be accepted, stored, and released when these criteria are not all met provided appropriate documentation is completed.

**Procedure:**

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| **Step** | **Action** | **Related Documents** |
| Evaluate Autologous Bone for Conformity | The Autologous Bone is Non-Conforming if any one of the following applies:   * Results of 7 day microbial product cultures are still pending. * Results of 7 day microbial product cultures are positive. * Out of temperature monitored freezer storage for longer than 20 minutes with no intent to re-implant at that time. * Damage to or loss of integrity of the product packaging. * Issued product was removed from its packing prior to return to the TSL. * Failure of the temperature monitored freezer in which the autologous bone is stored. * Tissue exceeds the 24 month storage limit * Product is received back into TSL after release and transport to outside facility. | * Receipt of Autologous Bone for Re-implantation * Maintaining and Issuing Autologous Bone for Re-implantation * Autologous Bone Tracking Log * Tissue Tracking Record * Bone Release form |
| Complete Notifications and Quarantine bone package | * Place the package in Quarantine per SOP. * Fill out a “Notification for Release of Autologous Bone from a Non-Conforming Product Form” and Notification Letter. * Forward for signature to the Attending Physician * Subsequent to Attending Physician completion of the form, forward to the Transfusion Service Medical Director   ***NOTE:*** The form must be completed and signed by the Attending physician and the Transfusion Service Medical Director prior to release of any Non-conforming Bone. | * Receipt of Autologous Bone for Re-implantation * Notification for Release of a Non-Conforming Autologous Bone form * Autologous Bone Tracking Log * Notification Letter |
| Once the Non-Conforming Product Form has been signed | * Staple the completed form to the Tissue Tracking Record * Maintain the non-conforming bone package in the appropriate storage area of the -80C freezer * Release the Non-Conforming product per SOP | * Maintaining and Issuing Autologous Bone for Re-implantation |
| If directed to discard the Non Conforming Product | * Complete notification to discard form * Forward to TSL Manager/Medical Director for Signature * Once the completed and signed Discard Form is received back in TSL, discard the Non Conforming Product per SOP | * Discarding Autologous Bone * Notification of Discard of Bone form |

**References**

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