

No Greater Gift: New Ethical Debates in Transplantation

I. Background:

- A. Brief history of transplantation
- B. Current U. S. statistics on transplantation:
Dilemmas of demand and supply

II. Ethical and legal parameters of transplantation:

- A. “Dead Donor Rule”
- B. Consent issues:
Donor cards
Family wishes
Presumed consent/ “Opt-out” options
- C. Virtue of altruism
- D. Utilitarian approaches:
Allocation issues
Ownership of assets

III. New approaches to increasing donor pools:

- A. DCD:
Definitions
Process
Ethical issues
- B. Directed donation:
Definitions
Process
Ethical issues
- C. Paid donation:
Definitions
Process
Ethical issues

IV. Unique pediatric issues:

- A. *In vitro* creation of “savior siblings”
Case descriptions
Ethical issues

B. Use of anencephalic donors
Case descriptions
Ethical issues

C. DCD for infant cardiac transplantation
Case descriptions
Ethical issues

