CONSENT FOR DECEASED DONOR OPTION - HEPATITIS C

Hepatitis C can be transmitted from a donor whose blood tests show that he/she has HCV (Hepatitis C Virus) antibodies.

Fortunately today, HCV treatment has resulted in a 97% cure rate.

Although you do not have HCV as a cause of your disease, it may be beneficial to accept an HCV positive organ in order to obtain a transplant in a more timely fashion.

Agreeing to accept an HCV organ does not exclude you from standard criteria livers (SCL)- it is only to expand the donor pool that you will be eligible for.

I understand that I may be accepting an organ from a donor who has the Hepatitis C Virus and that transmission is almost 100% if the patient is RNA positive for HCV.

I also understand that I will undergo post-transplant treatment for HCV that has a 97% cure rate.

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have been told I can ask questions at any time. I understand the benefits/risks of the Hepatitis C positive organ and I agree to be on the list for this type of organ transplant.    

(  ) Initials

You may remove yourself from the list for a Hepatitis C-positive donor organ at any time and at no penalty. You have the right to refuse a Hepatitis C–positive organ when it is offered to you. This refusal will not impact your status on the UNOS transplant wait list for a standard criteria organ.

Signed: _______________________________ Date: ______________ Time: ___________ Initials: ___

Printed Name of Patient or legally authorized representative: _____________________________

Signed: _______________________________ Date: ______________ Time: ___________

Signature of consenting Practitioner (MD, APRN, PA, RN)

Printed Name of consenting Practitioner: _____________________________