

## BODY PARTS AND TISSUES

### POLICY STATEMENT

It is the Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that, where possible, body parts, and tissue will be returned to the individual if that is his / her wish. Where organs and tissues are left with BOPDHB for disposal this will be done in accordance with the New Zealand Standard: NZS 4304: 2002 (Scope Only) Management of Healthcare Waste.

Any discussions with the patient must be in accordance with BOPDHB policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent.

### PURPOSE

- To ensure patient rights, including those under the Treaty of Waitangi, are met with privacy and dignity.
- To provide guidance for staff in regard to the care and return of body tissue.
- To comply with legal requirements.

### SUPPORT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL / WHANAU

Support will be offered at all times to the patient / whanau / family. Contact may be made with the Hospital Chaplain, Te Pou Kokiri, Regional Maori Health Services or Duty Nurse Managers.

### EXCLUSIONS

Nil.

### REFERENCES

- Code of Health and Disability Consumers' Rights 2004
- Treaty of Waitangi 1840.
- Hauora o te tinana me ona tikanga: a guide for the removal, retention, return and disposal of Maori body parts, organ donation and post-mortem: Maori and their whanau Te Puni Kokiri 1999.
- Approved Code of Practice for Management of Substances Hazardous to Health in the Place of Work 1997.
- Land Transport Rule Dangerous Goods Amendment 2012
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.
- Land Transport Act 1998
- NZS 4304: 2002(Scope Only) Management of Healthcare Waste.
- NZS 5433: 2012 Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods
- PathLab Bay of Plenty Ltd, New Zealand Accredited Laboratory.
- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#) and [Regulations 2016](#)

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### ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.3.9 protocol 1 Body Parts and Tissues - Standards to be Met
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.1.11 protocol 1 Hazardous Substances Management - Compliance
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Perioperative Department protocol PERIOP.D2.1 Disposal of Body Parts and Fluids in Perioperative Department
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Authorisation for the Release / Disposal of Body Part / Tissue (115432) – *order from Oracle*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Information for Patients Requesting Return of Body Parts or Tissue requiring Histological Examination – *viewable only – order from Design & Print Centre*

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