The Canadian **DONATION** and **TRANSPLANTATION** Research Program
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CDTRP Policy on Endorsing Clinical Guidelines

PURPOSE:

CDTRP is occasionally asked to endorse clinical guideline documents. The mandate of CDTRP is to support research and the mobilization of research into practice for the benefit of Canadians. CDTRP does not have a direct role in implementing clinical guidelines or practices, and maintaining independence in knowledge and evidence-generation is very important to our mission. We therefore require an endorsement process that supports the uptake of research evidence into clinical guidelines, while avoiding the perception that it is CDTRP itself that directly develops such guidelines.

PROCESS:

1. Requests to endorse guidelines should be directed by email to the CDTRP Executive Director for coordination (info@cdtrp.ca).

2. The requestor or designate presents the work at a Theme meeting (joint between the Themes that are topically relevant). The guideline document is shared with Theme members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting and the Theme leads and coordinator will ensure that individuals with the appropriate expertise to assess the guideline methodology are present at the meeting.

3. Theme members have the opportunity to ask questions.

4. After departure of the presenter, the Theme deliberates on the question: "Was an appropriate methodology followed and research expertise sufficiently and appropriately taken into consideration in the development of these guidelines?"

5. If the deliberations are positive, the authors of the guideline are invited to include the following language in the publication: "The Canadian Donation and Transplantation Research Program endorses the guideline development process followed and the expertise taken into consideration in the development of these guidelines and the future research directions suggested."