



nPOD Organ Recovery Protocol for Donors Ages 4 years and older

Organs: Recover as if for transplant.

1. Pancreas and pancreatic lymph nodes:
 - a. Entire pancreas and all peripancreatic fat
 - b. Attached duodenum may be stapled or tied closed at both ends and excised with pancreas
2. Spleen (whole organ or at least a 50 gram portion)
3. Non-pancreatic lymph nodes: 3-4 large nodes (mesenteric, inguinal or any other site)
4. Thymus for all donors 18 or younger
5. Bone marrow (If possible) ([see IIAM/nPOD recovery document](#))

All organs are to be placed in chilled solution (UW or HTK or other comparable) and shipped to University of Florida via Quick/Sterling.

If you are referring to IIAM or NDRI, they will handle shipping and provide you with a copy of this nPOD protocol. If you are shipping directly, we will assist you with this process.

Blood tubes:

1. Obtain 3 red top and 6 yellow/green top tubes. Specific details are included below in #8-9.

Detailed Instructions:

- 1) Please recover the entire pancreas with as much peripancreatic fat as possible (this will contain pancreatic lymph nodes);
- 2) The pancreas and peripancreatic fat will be excised with attached duodenum and spleen;
- 3) The duodenal bowel contents will be “milked” away from the pancreas as much as reasonably possible and then the duodenum will be tied off or stapled with a length of ~10 cm space between ties/staple row, this will avoid cross contamination of the pancreas with bowel contents;
- 4) A 50 gram portion of the spleen or the whole organ;
- 5) Three (3) to four (4) large nodes (mesenteric, inguinal or any other site) of non-pancreatic lymph nodes will be packaged separately in a conical tube with chilled UW or HTK;
- 6) Recover whole thymus for all donors 18 or younger, packaged separately in a conical tube with chilled UW or HTK;
- 7) All specimens shall be placed in a container with chilled UW or HTK ; specimens may be placed in NSS and maintained at 4C, if UW or HTK are not reasonably available;
- 8) Blood, 3 red top and 6 yellow/green top tubes;
- 9) **All blood containers must be placed in insulated box within the packaging, to avoid freezing;**
- 10) Package all tissues and materials just as one would for a transplant organ;
- 11) Please complete checklist on the next page to ensure all items are recovered.

It is imperative that the package be delivered to nPOD within 24 hours of cross clamp. At case completion, please contact the nPOD coordinator on call to arrange transportation at 352-273-8277 or 866-731-6585. Along with the tissues, please include in the box: Donor chart; medical social questioner; serology results including nPOD autoantibody screening (if applicable); consent/authorization for research along with the OPO organ recovery checklist below. Please contact the nPOD administrative offices with any questions at (352) 273-8277.

OPO Organ Recovery Checklist, Donors age 4 years and older.

Please sign and return this form to nPOD.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that the protocol requirements were followed and met. In the event the recovery outcome deviates from the nPOD Organ Recovery Protocol, please note it on this sheet to explain the deviation.

UNOS ID #: _____ OPO: _____

Please check that each item is placed within the research organ package:

- 1) **Pancreas:** and fat containing pancreatic lymph nodes:
 - a. Entire pancreas and all peripancreatic fat (surgical damage is acceptable, but must be reported to nPOD or research intermediary.)
 - b. Attached duodenum may be stapled or tied closed at both ends and excised with pancreas.
- 2) **Spleen:** (whole organ or at least a 50 gram portion).
- 3) **Blood:** 3 red top and 6 yellow/green top tubes.
- 4) **Non-pancreatic lymph nodes:** 3-4 large nodes (mesenteric, inguinal or any other site). Please label recovery location for these nodes.
- 5) **Thymus:** for all donors 18 or younger (optional).
- 6) **Bone marrow:** ([see IIAM/nPOD recovery document](#)) (optional).
- 7) Lots of **wet ice** and triple bag packaging as described in the protocol.

Donor information is requested within 24 hours of recovery. Information may be sent via email or fax to nPOD, or placed in box based on your OPO's policy.

Confirmed by:

OPO Coordinator First, Last Name

Date

Please complete, sign, and include this form in the organ box

Notify nPOD's On-Call Coordinator of any surgical damage, anatomical anomalies, or any other variance from the recovery protocol prior to shipping the organ.

1-866-731-6585 or 352-273-8277