

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Clinicians, Medical Officers, Hospital Management & Staff.

RE: PlusLife Allograft policy change & ordering advice.

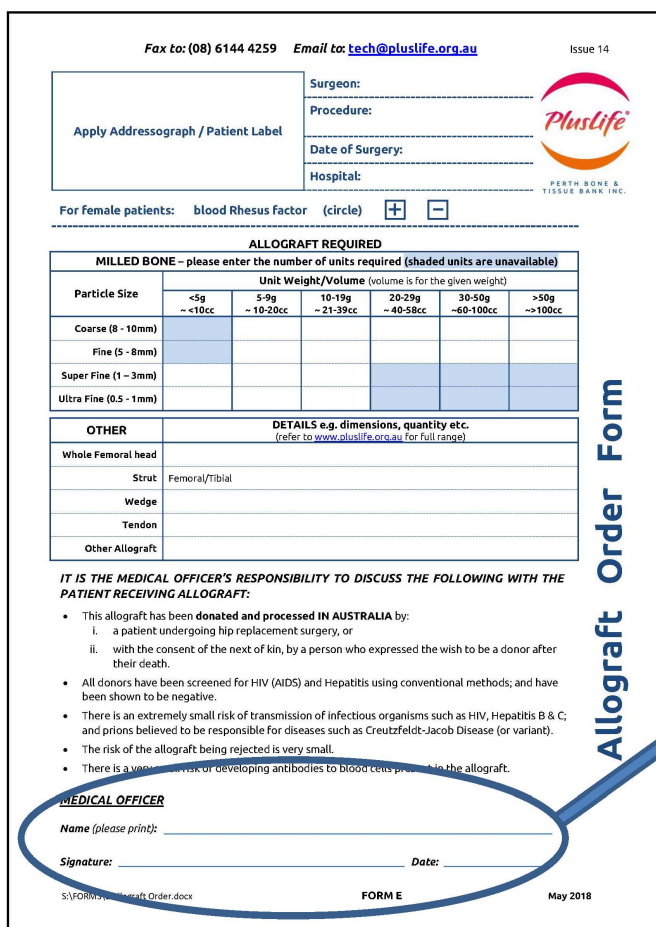
PlusLife have a collaboratively planned, systematic and organisation-wide approach to improving organisational performance. The policy change and ordering advice addressed below are reflections of this comprehensive program to monitor, assess and improve the quality of service we deliver to the health sector, while providing high quality **Australian donated & processed Allograft**.

We have recently changed our Allograft Supply policy, effective **16/05/2018**.

Current service provision remains unchanged, except for:

- 1. Revised Allograft Order Form(Form E) – available in hard-copy & on our website**
- 2. Phasing in of the delivery of Allograft for early morning surgeries to the relevant hospital/day surgery the day before surgery where practicable.**

1. REVISED ALLOGRAFT ORDER FORM (FORM E)



Fax to: (08) 6144 4259 Email to: tech@pluslife.org.au Issue 14

Apply Addressograph / Patient Label

Surgeon: _____
Procedure: _____
Date of Surgery: _____
Hospital: _____

For female patients: blood Rhesus factor (circle)

ALLOGRAFT REQUIRED
MILLED BONE – please enter the number of units required (shaded units are unavailable)

Particle Size	Unit Weight/Volume (volume is for the given weight)					
	<5g ~<10cc	5-9g ~ 10-20cc	10-19g ~ 21-39cc	20-29g ~ 40-58cc	30-50g ~60-100cc	>50g ~>100cc
Coarse (8 - 10mm)						
Fine (5 - 8mm)						
Super Fine (1 - 3mm)						
Ultra Fine (0.5 - 1mm)						

OTHER DETAILS e.g. dimensions, quantity etc. (refer to www.pluslife.org.au for full range)

Whole Femoral head _____
Strut Femoral/Tibial _____
Wedge _____
Tendon _____
Other Allograft: _____

IT IS THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH THE PATIENT RECEIVING ALLOGRAFT:

- This allograft has been **donated and processed IN AUSTRALIA** by:
 - a patient undergoing hip replacement surgery, or
 - with the consent of the next of kin, by a person who expressed the wish to be a donor after their death.
- All donors have been screened for HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis using conventional methods; and have been shown to be negative.
- There is an extremely small risk of transmission of infectious organisms such as HIV, Hepatitis B & C, and prions believed to be responsible for diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (or variant).
- The risk of the allograft being rejected is very small.
- There is a very small risk of developing antibodies to blood cells present in the allograft.

MEDICAL OFFICER
Name (please print): _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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a) Removed requirement for the patient's signed consent to receive Allograft.

b) Medical Officer's declaration has been removed.

As is the practice in other tissue banks, it is accepted that it is a Medical Officer's responsibility to inform the recipient of:

- The origin of the allograft, and;
- Potential risks inherent in receiving Allograft(incl disease transmission).

2. REQUESTING ALLOGRAFT

a) Current ordering process remains unchanged:

Step 1: Complete the following information on Form E:

- Type and amount of Allograft required
- Surgeon
- Date of surgery, time and hospital
- Recipient's details – name, age and Rhesus factor where the recipient is a female of childbearing age.
- Hospital Unit number if known.

Step 2: Forward Form E to PlusLife (Fax (08) 6144 4259, or Email tech@pluslife.org.au).

b) Timeframes

Form E should be completed and forwarded to PlusLife preoperatively. Where possible, at least **24 hours notice** should be given to ensure graft is provided at the appropriate time.

**Business hours are 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excl. public holidays).
On Call Technicians are contactable 24/7 on (08) 6144 3500.**

Delivery delays may occur if:

- Allograft is ordered less than 2 hours ahead of required time (during working hours)
- Allograft is ordered less than 4 hours ahead of required time (after hours).

c) Allograft for early morning surgeries

To ensure provision of Allograft for early morning surgeries, PlusLife will be phasing in the delivery of Allograft to the relevant hospital/day surgery the day before surgery where practicable.

To support this:

- Pluslife will deliver Allograft to arrive prior to 5pm on the day before surgery, notifying theatre staff accordingly.
- Pluslife will clearly identify the packages that contain Allograft for next day's surgery.
- Hospital staff to ensure Allograft storage location is communicated to relevant personnel between shifts.

PlusLife aims to anticipate and exceed future expectations; therefore we welcome clinical input and the opportunity to discuss further service improvements and/or research & development collaborations.

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We look forward to your involvement.

Yours sincerely,



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