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The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand

Recommencement of Kidney Transplantation

The TSANZ on behalf of the National Transplantation and Donation Rapid Response Taskforce are happy to report that Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia deceased donor kidney transplant programs restarted transplant activity two weeks ago. New South Wales recommenced deceased donor kidney transplant programs, on a gradual basis last week, with Victorian kidney transplant programs anticipated to resume from 11th May 2020.

There are still some logistical issues to take into consideration, especially with there being limited flights and, in some cases, limited PPE, but we are hopeful that this will increase over the next few weeks. There is also a requirement for the labs to receive serum. Most waiting list patients have current sera, but those that don't will be encouraged to submit.

Living kidney donation in Australia will be resuming, at the discretion of each unit and according to patients need and hospital capabilities.

Transplantation for urgent paediatric kidney transplants, liver, lung, heart and multi-organ transplants are continuing.

Early medical suitability conversations and strong communication is extremely important.

The President of TSANZ, Professor Toby Coates thanks Donatelife for all of their hard work and success in navigating the staged recommencement of transplantation surgery in Australia.