

TERMINATION EVALUATION REPORT

Metropolitan New Orleans Organ Procurement Program

(July 1, 1971 - June 30, 1973)

The Organ Procurement Program represented an effort to provide an adequate number of cadaver kidneys for the Louisiana population in need of kidney transplantation. These efforts were in general rewarding, although during a six month period of this program the Transplantation Center at Charity Hospital of Louisiana was closed for renovations and this slowed the program considerably. In the last six months of the program which is not included in this final report the activity of the Unit was again reinstated and has been going apace. Table 1 shows the number of lectures given to various hospital staffs throughout this period for the purpose of medical education.

Table 1

Charity Hospital of Louisiana	2
Charity Hospital School of Nursing	1
East Jefferson Hospital	3
Hotel Dieu Hospital	2
Lafayette General Hospital	1
Methodist Hospital	3
New Orleans District Nursing Association	1
Ochsner Foundation Hospital	2
Public Health Hospital	2
Sara Mayo Hospital	1
Southern Baptist Hospital	2
Touro Infirmary	1
Veterans Administration Hospital	1
West Jefferson Hospital	1
Total	23

Table 2 shows the number of potential cadavers brought to the attention of the group and the number of kidneys actually obtained.

Table 2

Potential Cadavers

Unsuitable candidates	41
Logistically impossible	23
Consent refusals	24
Died without adequate observation	8
Recovered	7
Refused by recipient	1
Cadavers obtained	30
Kidneys transplanted	33

Table 3 shows the source of calls obtained concerning potential donors.

Table 3

Charity Hospital of Louisiana	103
East Jefferson Hospital	4
Methodist Hospital	6
Ochsner Foundation Hospital	13
Southern Baptist Hospital	6
Terrebonne General Hospital	3
Total	135

The number of kidneys received by each institution in relation to the number of kidneys obtained from that institution and the percentage of patients on the cadaver waiting list from those institutions is shown in Table 4.

Table 4

Distribution of Kidneys

	Kidneys Received	Kidneys Donated	% of Cadaver List
Charity Hospital of La.	24 (73%)	28	81
Ochsner Foundation	6 (18%)	10	16
Southern Baptist	1 (3%)	4	3
Out of State	2 (6%)	0	0
East Jefferson	0	8	0
Terrebonne General	0	6	0
Methodist	0	2	0

Table 5 shows the reasons for discarding kidneys which were obtained but not transplanted.

Table 5

Kidneys Not Transplanted

Technically unsuitable	5
Physiologically unsuitable	14
Prospective recipient had hepatitis	1
Pump failure	7
Total	27

Table 6 shows the number of phenotypes, mixed lymphocyte cultures and heterophile antibody determinations provided by the Histocompatibility Testing Laboratory in support of this program and the general transplantation program.

Table 6

Clinical Laboratory Support

Phenotypes	327
Mixed Lymphocyte Cultures	417
Heterophile Antibody	959

It is my opinion that the experience with this program has resulted in substantial education to the lay and professional public upon the need and methods of obtaining cadaver material for transplantation. The program will be continued in a private way depending upon monies generated under Medicare insurance to pay for the implantation of cadaver materials. We hope that this can generate sufficient funds to amortize such a program for the future.

Respectfully submitted,



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