

Overview of Proposed Revisions to the AATB Accreditation Policies

This Overview of Proposed Revisions document was constructed to offer a list of general updates proposed for the Accreditation Policies. A claim is not made that every revision is described below but most of them are included here. It's advised the Policies be read in entirety to realize intended meaning and improvements.

1. This implements and applies the finalized *Accreditation Policies for Transplant Tissue Banks* to the *Accreditation Policies for Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Organizations*. Accreditation Policies for Transplant Tissue Banks effective 03/30/2016 was revised to be applicable to all tissue establishments.
2. *Standards for Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation* 1st edition, Appendix II, Accreditation Policies for Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Organizations (NADOS), has been deleted and replaced with the revised Accreditation Policies.
3. For ease of use/reference throughout these Policies, the term “tissue establishment” refers collectively to a *tissue bank*, *reproductive tissue bank*, *tissue distribution intermediary*, *tissue dispensing service*, *satellite facility*, or a Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Organization (*NADO*) as defined in the current edition of the *Standards*.
4. The titles of AATB staff positions where they previously appeared were replaced with general references to the AATB Accreditation Staff due to the changes in staffing and titles within AATB.
5. The term “acquisition” was added for the additional tissue type, *birth tissue* (BT), from *Transplant Standards* 14th ed and *NADOs*.
6. The *Reportable Events* “required information” section adds dates and identification to the list of required information to be provided in a *written notification* of reportable events.
7. To avoid perceptions of conflict, a step has been removed where the President and Chief Executive Officer must concur with an order from the Accreditation Committee, the Accreditation Committee Chair, the President and Chief Executive Officer, or the Board of Governors to order an inspection for cause and/or as a stipulation of accreditation. Veto power has not been an option.
8. To avoid perceptions of conflict and to facilitate consistency of review by those who have a better understanding of the events that lead to hearings, the composition of the Hearing Panel's membership has been changed to include the Vice President Chief Scientific Officer as a voting member.
9. The request for transfer of accreditation section was revised to align with confidentiality requirements of pending business mergers and acquisitions.