

Serious Adverse Event (SAE): any untoward occurrence associated with the procurement, testing, processing, storage and distribution of tissues and cells that might lead to the transmission of a communicable disease, to death or life-threatening, disabling or incapacitating conditions for patients or which might result in, or prolong, hospitalisation or morbidity.



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Serious Adverse Reaction (SAR): an unintended response, including a communicable disease, in the donor or in the recipient associated with the procurement or human application of tissues and cells that is fatal, life-threatening, disabling, incapacitating or which results in, or prolongs, hospitalisation or morbidity.

SAEs - Criteria

CRITERIA FOR REPORTING SAEs
Inappropriate tissues/cells have been distributed for clinical use, even if not used;
The event could have implications for other patients or donors because of shared practices, services, supplies or donors;
The event resulted in a mix-up of gametes or embryos;
The event resulted in loss of any irreplaceable autologous tissues or cells or any highly matched (i.e. recipient specific) allogeneic tissues or cells;
The event resulted in the loss of a significant quantity of unmatched allogeneic tissues or cells.

Severity (SARs)

Non serious	Mild clinical/psychological consequences. No hospitalisation. No anticipated long term consequence/disability
Serious	- hospitalisation or prolongation of hospitalisation and/or - persistent or significant disability or incapacity or - intervention to preclude permanent damage or - evidence of a serious transmitted infection or - birth of a child with a serious genetic disease following ART with donor gametes or embryos.
Life-threatening	- major intervention to prevent death or - evidence of a life-threatening transmissible infection or - birth of a child with a life-threatening genetic disease following ART with donor gametes or embryos.
Death	Death

Imputability (SARs)

NA Not assessable	Insufficient data for imputability assessment
0. Excluded	Conclusive evidence beyond reasonable doubt for attributing to alternative causes.
1. Unlikely	Evidence clearly in favour of attributing to other causes.
2. Possible	Evidence is indeterminate.
3. Likely, Probable	Evidence in favour of attributing to the tissues/cells.
4. Definite, Certain	Conclusive evidence beyond reasonable doubt for attributing to the tissues/cells

Impact (SARs and SAEs)

1	Rare	Difficult to believe it could happen again
2	Unlikely	Not expected to happen but possible
3	Possible	May occur occasionally
4	Likely	Probable but not persistent
5	Almost certain	Likely to occur on many occasions

Step 1 – Probability of recurrence

Level	Impact Description	Impact on individual(s) Actual (SAR) Potential (SAE)	Impact on Transplant or Fertility System	Impact on Tissue/cell supply
0	Insignificant	Insignificant	No affect	Insignificant
1	Minor	Non-serious	Minor damage	Some applications postponed
2	Significant	Serious	Damage to system – services will be affected for short period	Many applications cancelled or postponed
3	Major	Life threatening	Major damage to system – significant time needed to repair	Significant no. of procedures cancelled - importation required to make-up short-fall
4	Severe	Death	System destroyed – need to rebuild	All allogeneic applications cancelled

Step 2– Consequences of Recurrence

Recurrence probability Consequences	Rare 1	Unlikely 2	Possible 3	Likely 4	Almost certain 5
Insignificant 0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor 1	1	2	3	4	5
Significant 2	2	4	6	8	10
Major 3	3	6	9	12	15
Severe 4	4	8	12	16	20

Step 3 - Impact