

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION

The use of Fresh Frozen Human Cadaveric Material in the UK: A questionnaire study.

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A questionnaire was created to determine how Fresh Frozen human cadavers and body parts are being used in the UK, in order to aid the Anatomy Associations Advisory Committee (AAAC) produce best practice guidelines. The questionnaire was initiated following discussions at a UK Human Tissue Authority (HTA) Stakeholders Group meeting in 2015 and in the subsequent production of an HTA discussion paper on the use of fresh frozen bodies in training healthcare professionals (HTA Stakeholders Group, 2015). The questionnaire was emailed to Surgical Training Centres in the UK and to the IAS membership. The results of completed questionnaires were collated and were reported to the AAAC in May 2016. The results highlighted differences in the practices and procedures for the use of fresh frozen human material employed in UK institutions. It is hoped that the study could be used to inform the development of guidelines to set standards for the use of fresh frozen cadaveric material for Anatomical Examination.

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