## **Biology** Lesson 2: Organ transplantation – the facts and dilemmas Could link with homeostasis in all schemes; fulfils How Science Works **Curriculum Key:** Objective(s) Resources needed: 1. Understand that research and developments Organ transplant key dates cards have enabled medical scientists to advance in Time sheet, PowerPoint, GP notes and personal their abilities to transplant organs background cards, hospital records, clinical director 2. Make life & death decisions based on both report proforma and 'Medicine Today' worksheet... scientific and social evidence. 3. Be able to explain the ethical dilemmas and protocols associated with human organ transplantations Starter: 10 minutes **Teacher input/assessment** Using the 'organ transplant – key dates' cards/info. Organ rejection is key to the successes that follow. Place them in chronological order. Students must Note the complexity of the surgery as the research look carefully at the clues that can be found within develops. the detail to order the events Teacher input / assessment Main Activity 1: 20 minutes Given 2 very seriously ill cardiac patients – make a Show PowerPoint. Divide class into suitable groups. life/death decision based on the evidence provided. (see teacher notes). Hand out evidences for them to Set the scene with a PowerPoint and then divide into make an informed choice for the organ recipient. groups to scrutinise the personal, GP related notes and cardiac team's test analysis. Main Activity 2: 15 minutes (optional) Teacher input / assessment As clinical director responsible for cardiac surgery -Each team must produce a report on how they came write a short report to the hospital trust managers. to their decision. Perhaps they could report back to detailing how you came to your final decision (this the whole group. must be fact based). Teacher input / assessment Plenary: 15 minutes Given a newspaper article students must answer the Students need to read the article carefully and accompanying questions. This is a comprehension answer the questions (either individually or in small exercise focusing on 'scientific evidence', 'ideas', groups). 'ethical issues' and 'conjecture' **Learning Outcomes:** All students must: complete a transplant time line, make a group decision and give a supporting reason for their choice based on the evidence provided. Most students should: as above plus appreciate that there is more to organ transplanting than just who

seems to be the most deserving recipient. Take an active part in the decision making and give suggestions for the outcome of the alternative choice.

Some students could: Lead their groups and link ethical dilemmas and medical facts. Make a decision and offer a rationale for the application of their ethical approach into making their moral decision.

**Key Skills:** Collecting evidence to make an informed decision. Role play. Communication and data presentation

**Key words:** Xenotransplant, organ rejection, ethics, cardiac disease

**Homework:** Write 'Hospital front page news' or finish newspaper article comprehension.

## Differentiation:

More able: Will lead/influence the decision making based on evidence and be able to communicate their decision with a coherent argument.

Less able: Will be party to the decisions/report.