
The book by Youngner, Anderson and Shapiro entitled Transplanting Human Tissue gives a detailed description of the different aspects of the use of tissues of human origin for transplantation.

The authors describe not only the medical aspects, such as tissue retrieval and tissue banking, but they also give a lot of information on how to deal with the family, and discuss in detail the ethical aspects, including the difficult question of commercialization by for-profit organizations. The book is well written and easy to read. However, as the information given in the book is limited to tissues and does not deal with solid organs, this book may not hold much interest for nephrologists involved in renal transplantation. Furthermore, the information provided concerns the situation in the USA, and may therefore be of limited interest to the European reader.

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