

ABSTRACT

CORNEAL DONATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Covid 19 pandemic posed many challenges to corneal donation in Malaysia. The question of whether the ocular surface was a potential harbour of the virus forced the need to produce a new standard operating procedure with respect to corneal procurement. The scarcity of local donors were further aggravated by the rising number of Covid positive individuals which reinforced the need for more intensive screening of infectious disease screening which would preclude tissue donation. We explored the possibility of the virus to transmit from donor to recipient and reached a consensus to ensure safety in Eyebanking in Malaysia after reviewing the global criteria in place.