



Consult Gift of Life on all Vent-Dependent Patients w/a Non-Recoverable Neurologic Injury/Illness

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1. At the first indication the patient has suffered a non-recoverable neuro injury/illness (pt. begins to lose some neuro reflexes)
2. Prior to the first formal brain death examination
3. Prior to family discussion of DNR or withdrawal of support
4. Patient has suffered: Head Trauma, Anoxia, CVA

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(1-800-543-6391)**

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Team Huddle

Ensures Optimal Communication with Care Team and Family

Criteria for Team Huddle:

- ✓ After medical suitability has been determined
- ✓ Shift change
- ✓ Family/care team are discussing DNR or withdrawal of support
- ✓ Family brings up donation
- ✓ Brain death has been determined
- ✓ Patient is hemodynamically unstable
- ✓ At the request of the care team or Gift of Life Coordinator

Participants:

- Gift of Life Coordinator
- Bedside Nurse
- Treating Physician
- Resident
- Support Staff (when appropriate)
 - Pastoral Care
 - Social Work
 - Respiratory Care
 - Other

A Gift of Life Coordinator (with a designated member of the care team) will facilitate the team huddle at important junctures of the case.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

**Patient Status, Clinical Plan, Donation Options,
Family Communication/Support, Next Steps**



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5 Phases of Communication with Families of Potential Organ Donors

Phase I (Serious Injury)	Phase II (Grave Prognosis)	Phase III (First Exam)	Phase IV (Pronouncement)
<p>_____ has suffered severe damage to his/her brain. We are doing everything we can but he/she may not recover.</p>	<p>Despite everything we have done, things are getting worse. There is nothing more we can do to save your loved one's life. <i>Ensure that Gift of Life has been notified.</i></p>	<p>_____ appears to be dead as there is no brain function. We have begun a series of tests to confirm this. We want to be extremely thorough and careful to ensure that we are absolutely correct. (Provide the family with information about additional testing and timeframes.)</p>	<p>We have finished the testing and found that _____ has died @ _____ (time). (Where appropriate, repeat clinical exam with the family present.)</p>
<p>Show pictures of CT scan or perfusion scan to help family understand the grave prognosis.</p>			

Team Huddle

Care Team Introduces the Gift of Life Coordinator

Phase V
This is _____, a member of our team and a specialist who works with families such as yours.