



Donation Champion Learning Session

GIVING LIFE A SECOND CHANCE THROUGH ORGAN AND ORGAN TISSUE DONATION

Gift of Life Donor Program has developed comprehensive learning sessions offered both in-person and virtually to equip healthcare providers to improve their hospital's organ donation processes. This program is a fast-paced and highly interactive session. Participants are asked to assess their unit's/hospital's current donation processes and are charged with "Leaving in Action" so that a collaborative and coordinated effort is in place for offering families the opportunity for donation.

Education credits offered. Virtual sessions are scheduled for 4 hours and offer 3.5 free continuing education credits. In-person programs are scheduled for 8 hours and offer 7.5 free continuing education credits. Typically host 12-14 sessions per year throughout our region.

What are the benefits of requiring attendance to a Donation Champion Program for new critical care nurses?

Donation Champion Programs are designed to train healthcare providers to assist their colleagues and serve as advocates for organ donation by providing the critical care team with information and guidance about:

- Identifying and referring potential organ donors
- Providing compassionate family-centered care
- Incorporating best-demonstrated practices and strategies that will improve the donation process
- Optimizing donor management to improve organ function to maximize donated gifts

Donation Champions support organ and tissue donation in the following ways:

- Promote patient and family rights to make a decision about donation
- Ensure that referrals to Gift of Life are timely
- Preserve the opportunity for donation for every family
- Advocate for frequent "team huddle" discussions between the hospital and Gift of Life

Program Highlights:

Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Ask questions and share best demonstrated practices with Gift of Life Team and participants from across the region to increase the number of transplantable organs and meet the needs of patients waiting for organ transplants.
- Hear the personal stories of patients and families impacted by donation
- Learn from a neurologist about the testing used to determine brain death and how to best communicate brain death to families
- Compare and contrast the process for donation after brain death (DBD) with donation after circulatory death (DCD)

For more information - <https://www.donors1.org/professionals/healthcare-professionals/>