

Donation Conversations: How and When Gift of Life First Connects with Families

****Withdrawal of technology must not occur prior to Gift of Life having a family donation conversation.****

**Family Understands
There is No Hope
for Recovery**

Family has received and is beginning to process the grave prognosis. Timely engagement allows space for donation to be considered as part of the legacy.

Family Mentions Donation

Any time family raises the topic of donation, it should be acknowledged and followed by an introduction of Gift of Life. This allows for information sharing and compassionate support.

**Family Understands Brain Death &
Testing Plan/Brain Death
Pronounced**

Gift of Life often connects with the family prior to or between brain death exams when appropriate. This ensures adequate family support and time to process prior to the time of death being given and discontinuation of technology.

**Decision to Limit, Decelerate, or
WD Therapies**

Families are not aware that moving forward with withdrawal or limiting therapies before donation has been discussed can compromise the organ donation opportunity altogether.

**Pulmonary or Hemodynamic
Instability**

In these urgent, time sensitive conversations, Gift of Life engagement allows the family to consider donation while the team continues full support.

**Hospital Team Mentions
Donation**

When donation is mentioned independent of Gift of Life, a coordinator will meet with the family to provide information. This ensures families can make an informed and meaningful decision.