

Organ Donation Pathways

DONATION AFTER BRAIN DEATH

- Patient declared dead on neurological criteria (in the ICU)
- Provide family support / ensure they understand the patient has died
- GOL Initiates the Donation Discussion (with Care Team)
- Collaborate to Optimize Organ Function
- Support GOL with Diagnostics/Labs
- GOL allocates organs
- Patient remains on mechanical ventilation, transferred to the OR
- Surgical recovery of organs and tissues

DONATION AFTER CIRCULATORY DEATH (DCD)

- Patient does not meet brain death criteria
- Family decision to stop all life sustaining therapies
- GOL Initiates the Donation Discussion (w/ Care Team)
- Continue Medical Management, Required diagnostics, and labs
- GOL identifies recipients
- Hospital Care Team determines plan for comfort care/medications available for use in OR
- Withdrawal of life sustaining therapies
- Hospital Physician/Designee declares death (cardiopulmonary criteria)
- Mandatory 5-minute observation period
- Surgical recovery of organs and tissues