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TWO WAYS TO BE A HERO

Donation after Brain Death

- Occurs after the irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain including the brain stem.
- After authorization, care is directed by the OPO.
- Anesthesia maintains the organ viability in the OR. Heparin is given before cross-clamp.

Donation after Circulatory Death

- Occurs after the irreversible cessation of circulatory function.
- After authorization, care is still directed by the physician.
- The primary RN administers medications (including heparin) in the OR prior to extubation by the RT. CTOD is declared by the primary MD.