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Donation after Circulatory Death

DCD ALGORITHM

(AKA: Non-Heart Beating Donor)

Prognosis is grave, care is futile.

When physician plans to discuss ventilator withdrawal with family, and before beginning terminal wean, call Gift of Life at 1-800-482-4881.

Gift of Life will respond on site, if appropriate, to evaluate suitability. Gift of Life will collaborate with hospital staff.

Patient IS a suitable candidate.

Gift of Life approaches family based on a collaborative plan.

Family authorizes organ donation.

Coordination of donation process begins.

Family Huddle; Pt Care Team Huddle; OR Prep Huddle; Organ Recovery Team Huddle. Arrange alternative private bed in the event patient does not expire within timeframe.

The RN, RT and MD transfer the patient to the OR or area near the OR.

The patient is extubated by hospital staff. Comfort care measures per physician order.

Death occurs within timeframe.

Physician pronounces. Pt prepped & draped.

Organ recovery followed by tissue recovery, per authorization.

Death does not occur within timeframe.

Communicate to family.

Transfer to private room.

Notify Gift of Life at the time of death — 1-800-482-4881.

Tissue recovery after expiration, per authorization.