

DONOR REFERRAL LINE: 1-800-64-DONOR (36667)

WHEN SHOULD I CALL LifeLink®

FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF ORGAN DONATION?

Regardless of age or diagnosis, refer within one hour if your patient...

- ✓ Is intubated

AND

- ✓ Has a neurological injury/insult (i.e. trauma, anoxia, stroke, ICH)

AND

- ✓ Meets ANY 1 of the following criteria:

- GCS equal to or less than 5
- No pupillary or corneal reflex
- No cough or gag
- No spontaneous respirations
- Hypothermia/TTM/ICE is initiated

PRIOR TO

- Consulting hospice
- Discussing withdrawal of life-sustaining medical therapies or terminal extubation
- Discussing DNR or CMO
- Brain death testing

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- Call ***immediately*** if family mentions donation.
 - Do ***NOT*** mention donation or LifeLink to family.
 - If family asks what's next...state, "I have contacted someone to come discuss the next steps and answer your questions."
 - ***AFTER*** initial referral call LifeLink immediately if there is a decrease in neurological function or change in plan of care.
 - Refer all patients **within one hour of asystole** for tissue donation evaluation, even if previously referred.

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References:
Federal Regulation: CMS 482.45(a)(1)
Agency for Healthcare Administration Statute 765
DNV Healthcare
The Joint Commission
Hospital Policy



A Donate Life Organization

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