

Maximizing Organ Donation through Donor Management Goals

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Maximizing Organ Donation

- Discuss the scope of organ donation needs statewide and nationally
- Review pathophysiology of organ dysfunction surrounding brain death
- Discuss intensive care management of the organ donor
- Review studies implementing donor management goals to maximize organs transplanted per donor
- Discuss implementation of donor management goals at Swedish Medical Center Intensive Care Unit

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Levels of Evidence

- Retrospective studies
- Prospective studies with historical controls
- Randomized controlled trials
- Meta-analyses

The Need: Organ Recipient Wait Lists

Through 9/30/13

Organ	United States	Colorado
Total	130,195	2,454
Kidney	104,773	1,683
Liver	16,530	621
Pancreas	1,185	24
Kidney / Pancreas	2,122	34
Heart	3,616	46
Lung	1,666	46
Heart / Lung	48	0
Intestine	255	0

The Gift of Life

- One organ donor can save up to 8 lives.
- One tissue donor can impact up to 100 lives.
- One eye donor can restore eyesight to two people.

Potential Number of Organ per Donor

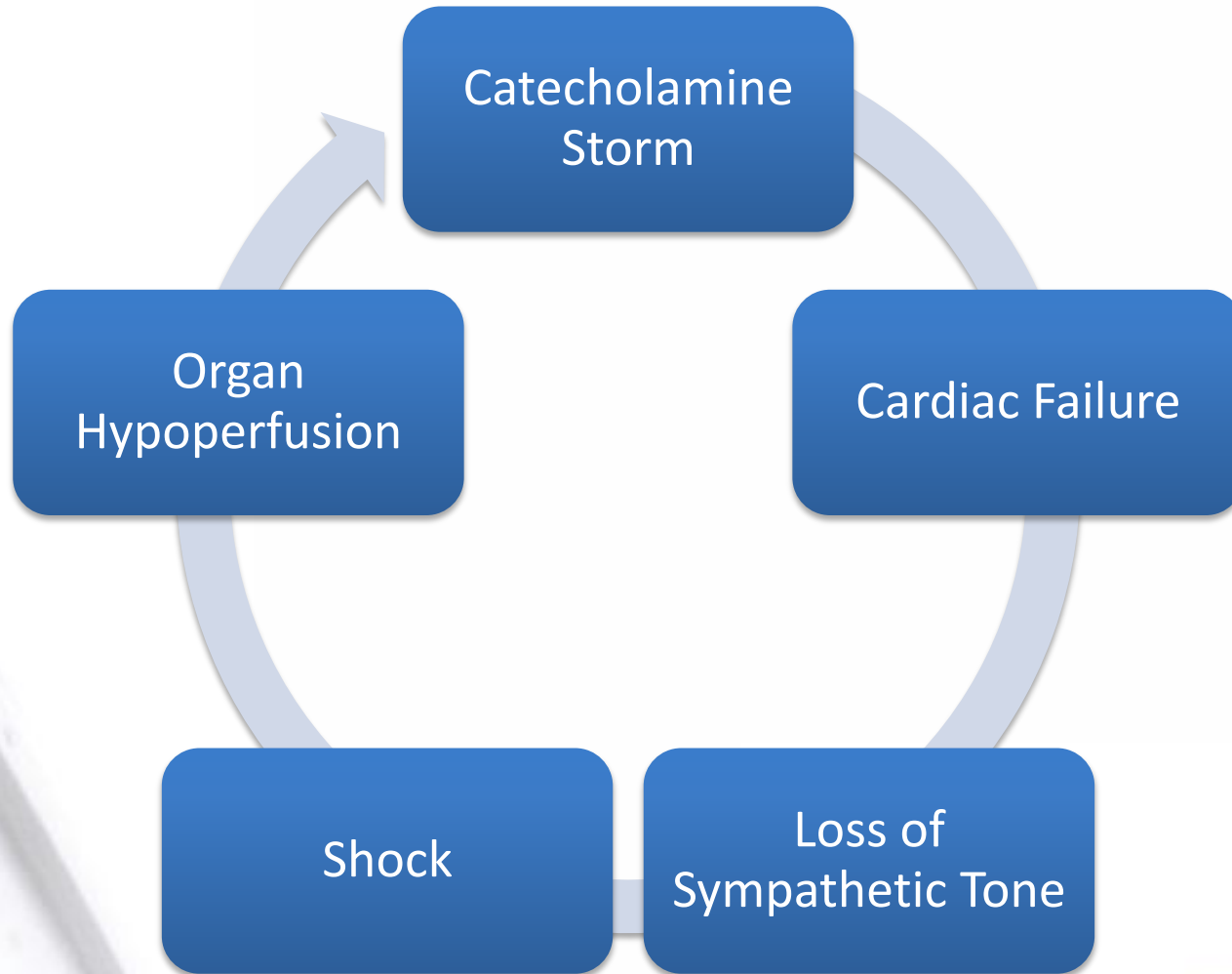
- Donation after Brain Death (BD):
 - Heart Liver
 - Lungs (2) Pancreas
 - Kidneys (2) Small Intestine
- Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD):
 - Lungs (2)
 - Kidneys (2)
 - Liver

Pathophysiology of Brainstem Death

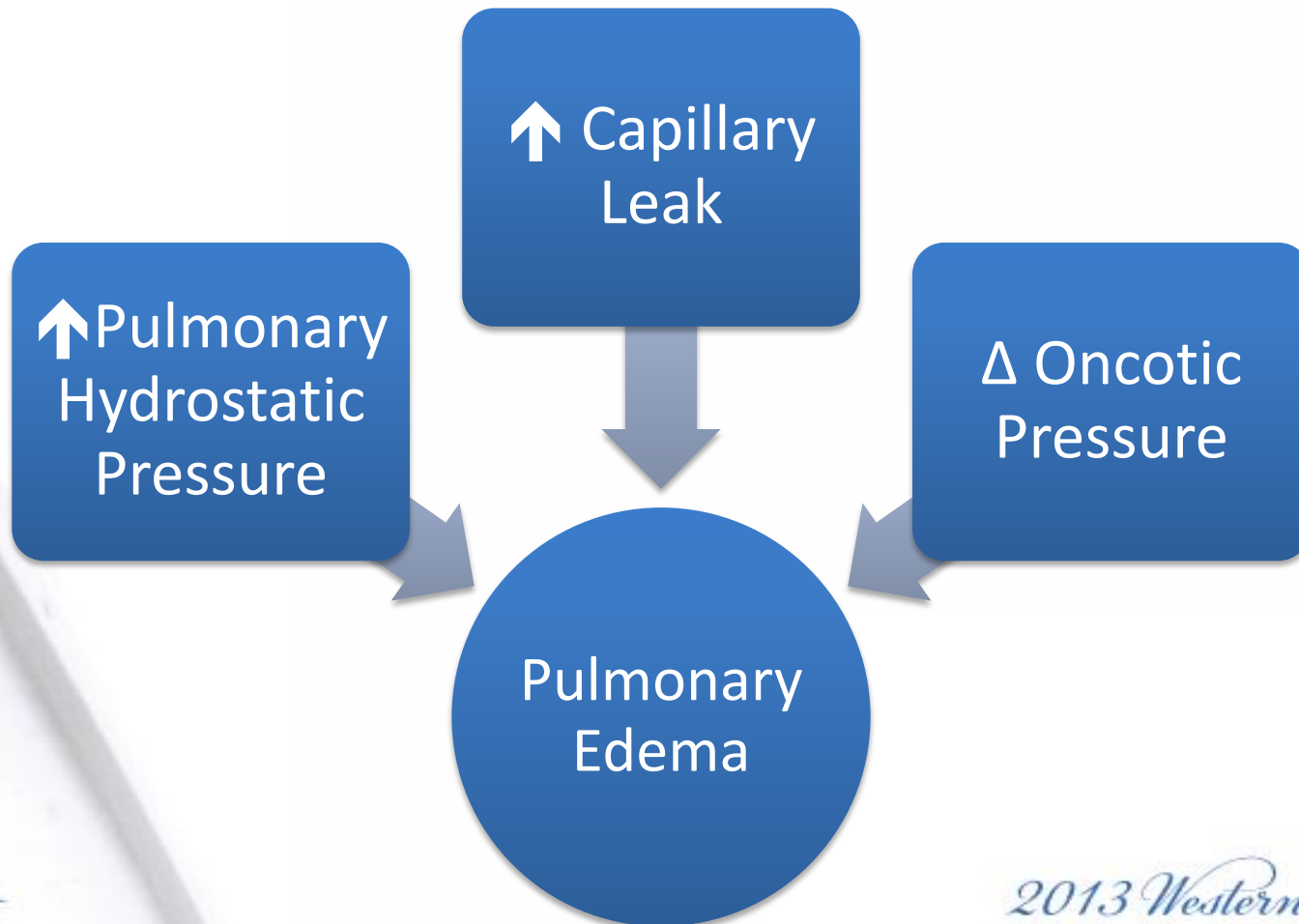
Increased intracranial pressure (ICP) causes

- Cushing's reflex
- Catecholamine surge
- Visceral ischemia
- Pro-inflammatory state
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation
- Multi-organ failure

Pathophysiology of Brain Death: Cardiovascular Changes



Pathophysiology of Brain Death: Pulmonary Changes



Pathophysiology of Brain Death: Endocrine and Metabolic Changes

Anterior Pituitary Failure:

↓ ACTH → Adrenal Insufficiency
↓ TSH → Sick Euthyroid

Posterior Pituitary Failure:

↓ Vasopressin → Diabetes
Insipidus

Hypothalamic
Failure

Adrenal Insufficiency:

↓ Cortisol
↓ Insulin

Hypothermia

↓ Basal Metabolic Rate

Care of the brain dead patient

- Progression from brain death to somatic death results in loss of up to 25% of potential donors.
- Intensive monitoring and balanced resuscitation of the donor are needed to maintain organ function and maximize number of organs suitable for transplantation.

Am J Transplant. 2002 (2): 761-768.

Can J Anaesth. 2006: 53 (8); 820 – 820

Br. J. Anaesth. (2012) 108 (suppl 1): i96-i107

Goals of Organ Donor Management

- Stabilize patient through catecholamine storm
- Provide balanced resuscitation to donor organs
- Target normal physiology
 - Temperature, hemodynamics, oxygenation, and metabolism
- Avoid positive fluid balance

“Rule of 100”

- Systolic blood pressure > 100 mm Hg
- Urine output > 100 mL/hr
- PaO₂ > 100 mm Hg
- Hemoglobin > 100 g/L

Can J Anaesth 1990;37:806-12

Developing Clinical Pathways for Organ Donor Management

- United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)
Critical Pathway for the Organ Donor – 1999
- Crystal City Consensus Conference – 2001
- Canadian Multidisciplinary Forum on Organ
Donor Management – 2002
- “Bundling” Donor Management Goals – 2004
onward

UNOS Critical Pathway (CP): 1999 pilot study

- 5 overlapping phases of patient care from donor referral to organ recovery
 - Phase IV – Donor management
- Study design: 10 OPOs, 88 ICUs, 4-month prospective implementation of CP, compared with 4-month historical control period
- Outcome: Total number of organs recovered and transplanted per 100 donors

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Cardio-Thoracic Donor Management

1. **Early echocardiogram for all donors** – Insert pulmonary artery catheter (PAC) to monitor patient management (placement of the PAC is particularly relevant in patients with an EF < 45% or on high dose inotropes.)
 - use aggressive donor resuscitation as outlined below
2. **Electrolytes**
 - Maintain Na < 150 meq/dl
 - Maintain K+ > 4.0
 - Correct acidosis with Na Bicarbonate and mild to moderate hyperventilation (pCO₂ 30–35 mm Hg)
3. **Ventilation** – Maintain tidal volume 10–15 ml/kg
 - keep peak airway pressures < 30 mm Hg
 - maintain a mild respiratory alkalosis (pCO₂ 30–35 mm Hg).
4. Recommend use of hormonal resuscitation as part of a comprehensive donor management protocol – Key elements
 - *Tri-iodothyronine* (T3): 4 mcg bolus; 3 mcg/hr continuous infusion
 - *Arginine Vasopressin*: 1 unit bolus; 0.5 – 4.0 unit/hour drip (titrate SVR 800–1200 using a PA catheter)
 - *Methylprednisolone*: 15 mg/kg/bolus (Repeat q 24° PRN)
 - *Insulin*: drip at a minimum rate of 1 unit/hour (titrate blood glucose to 120–180 mg/dl)
 - *Ventilator*: (See above)
 - *Volume Resuscitation*: Use of colloid and avoidance of anemia are important in preventing pulmonary edema
 - albumin if PT and PTT are normal
 - fresh frozen plasma if PT and PTT abnormal (value ≥ 1.5 X control)
 - packed red blood cells to maintain a PCWP of 8–12 mm Hg and Hct > 10.0 mg/dl
5. **When patient is stabilized/optimized** repeat echocardiogram. (An unstable donor has not met 2 or more of the following criteria.)
 - Mean Arterial Pressure ≥ 60
 - CVP ≤ 12 mm Hg
 - PCWP ≤ 12 mm Hg
 - SVR 800–1200 dyne/sec/cm⁵
 - Cardiac Index ≥ 2.5 l/min/M²
 - Left Ventricular Stroke Work Index > 15
 - dopamine dosage < 10 mcg/kg/min

UNOS Critical Pathway (CP): 1999 pilot study

Table 1: Organs recovered

Organ	Pre-Critical Pathway		Critical Pathway	
	N	Per 100 donors	N	Per 100 donors
Kidney	255	182.1	235	180.8
Liver	119	85.0	116	89.2
Pancreas	33	23.6	53	40.8
Heart	77	55.0	78	60.0
Lung	45	32.1	59	45.4
Intestine	5	3.6	6	4.6
Total	534	381.4	547	420.8

10.3% increase in total organs recovered

Am J Transplant 2002; 2: 761-768

UNOS Critical Pathway (CP): 1999 pilot study

Table 2: Organs transplanted

Organ	Pre-Critical Pathway		Critical Pathway	
	N	Per 100 donors	N	Per 100 donors
Kidney	224	160.0	218	167.7
Liver	109	77.9	99	76.2
Pancreas	26	18.6	41	31.5
Heart	64	45.7	71	54.6
Lung	31	22.1	40	30.8
Intestine	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	454	324.3	469	360.8

19.5% increase in hearts transplanted

11.3% increase in all organs transplanted

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Hormonal Resuscitation

Combination of hormone supplements provided to replace those lost from failing hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis

- Methylprednisolone
- Arginine Vasopressin
- Triiodothyronine (T3) or L-Thyroxin (T4)
- Insulin

Meta-analysis of thyroid hormone administration to brain dead potential organ donors

- 4 placebo-controlled RCTs
- 209 donors (108 Thyroid hormone rx; 101 placebo)
- Results:
 - No significant effect of thyroid hormone on cardiac index
 - No benefit of combination hormonal therapies
- Comment:
 - Limited numbers of hemodynamically unstable patients in donor pool may have missed a small treatment effect of thyroid hormone supplementation.

[Crit Care Med.](#) 2012 May; 40(5): 1635-44

Methylprednisolone

Reduces inflammatory response associated with brain death and hemodynamic instability

- Lung – Improves oxygenation, reduces capillary leak, increases, lung yield
- Decreases inflammation in heart, kidney, liver
- Increases overall organ retrieval
- Most effective when administered early

B J Anaesthesia 2012; 108 (S1): i96-i107.

Achieving donor management goals before deceased donor procurement is associated with more organs transplanted per donor

- Retrospective study of whether meeting donor management goals (DMG) before procurement increases organs transplanted per donor (OTPD)
- Setting: UNOS Region 5, 5 SW states, 8 OPOs
- Intervention: Meeting 8+/ 10 DMG at time of organ recovery by protocolized patient care

J Trauma. 2011 Oct; 71 (4): 990-5

Retrospective DMG Study

MAP 60 – 100 mm Hg

ABG pH 7.30 – 7.45

CVP 4 – 10 mm Hg

PaO₂: FiO₂ > 300

EF > 50%

Na 135 - 160 mEq/L

Pressor \leq 1; low dose

Glu < 150 mg/dL

Thyroid hormone

UOP 0.5 – 3 mL/kg/hr

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Retrospective DMG Study: Results

320 standard criteria donors, 3.6 ± 1.6 OTPD

Donors with 8+/10 DMG

More OTPD (4.4 vs. 3.3, $p < 0.001$)

More likely 4+ OPTD (70% vs. 39%, $p < 0.001$)

Independent predictors of > 4 OTPD

Donor-dependent criteria: Age, serum Creatinine

Critical Care: Thyroid hormone administration

Donor management goals met:

8+/10 goals; specific DMGs

J Trauma. 2011 Oct; 71 (4): 990-5

Retrospective DMG Study Results

Achieving specific DMGs independently
predicted ≥ 4 OTPD

- CVP 4 - 10 mm Hg (OR 1.9)
- EF > 50% (OR = 4.0)
- P:F > 300 (OR = 4.6)
- Na 135 – 160 mEq/L (OR = 3.4)

J Trauma. 2011 Oct; 71 (4): 990-5

The impact of meeting donor management goals on
the number of organs transplanted per donor:
UNOS Region 5 DMG study

- Prospective, interventional study of whether meeting donor management goals increases organs transplanted per donor
- Setting: UNOS Region 5, 5 southwestern states, 8 organ procurement organizations, 2008 - 2009
- Time points:
 - Time of consent
 - 12 - 18 hours later
 - Time of organ recovery

Crit Care Med. 2012 Oct; 40 (10): 2773-80

Prospective UNOS 5 DMG Study

MAP 60 – 100 mm Hg

ABG pH 7.30 – 7.45

CVP 4 – 10 mm Hg

PaO₂: FiO₂ > 300

EF > 50%

Na 135-155 mEq/L

VP \leq 1 and low dose

Glu < 150 mg/dL

UOP 0.5 – 3 mL/kg/hr

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Prospective UNOS 5 DMG Study: Results

- 380 donors, 3.6 ± 1.7 OTPD
- 7+/ 9 DMG met over time:
 - 15% at time of consent
 - 33% at 12-18 hours
 - 48% at time of recovery

Crit Care Med. 2012 Oct; 40 (10): 2773-80

Prospective UNOS 5 DMG Study: Results

Independent predictors of > 4 OTPD

7+/9 DMG met at consent, recovery

Increase in DMG met at 12-18 hr

Age

Serum creatinine

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Optimization of donor management goals yields increased organ use

- Prospective interventional study of 8 DMGs during pre-recovery phase
- Setting: UNOS Region 11, 5 Southeastern states, 7 OPOs; from 2008 - 2009
- Intervention: Protocolized care to achieve 7+/8 DMGs prior to recovery.
- Analysis: Univariate and multivariate regression analysis correlating DMG with OTPD

Am Surg. 2010 Jun; 76 (6): 587-94.

UNOS Region 11 Prospective Study: Donor Management Goals

- MAP
- CVP
- pH
- paO_2
- Na
- Glucose
- Single pressor use
- UOP

Am Surg. 2010 Jun; 76 (6): 587-94

UNOS Region 11 Prospective Study: Results

- 805 donors, 2685 organs transplanted
 - Includes SCD, ECD, DCD
- All 8 DMGs met 18-66%
- OPTD
 - 2.85 - 2.96 < 8 DMGs met
 - 3.34 - 3.44 all 8 DMGs met
- Lung transplants increased 2.4 fold when all 8 DMGs met

Am Surg. 2010 Jun; 76 (6): 587-94

UNOS Region 11 Prospective Study: Results

- DMGs maximizing OTPD
 - Low vasopressor use
 - P:F > 200
 - CVP 4 - 10
- DMG optimizing specific organs
 - Heart: Na, low vasopressor use
 - Lung: CVP, P:F
 - Pancreas: glucose control

Am Surg. 2010 Jun; 76 (6): 587-94

Organ-specific management: Heart

- MAP 60-100 mmHg
- CVP 4 - 10 mmHg
- EF > 50 %
- Single vasopressor use
& Low Dose



Organ-specific management: Lung

- CVP 4 – 10 mm Hg
- ABG pH 7.3 – 7.45
- P:F ratio > 300



Organ-specific management: Lung

- Lung recruitment maneuvers
- Early Bronchoscopy
- Serial CXR
- Turn, Suction, Mouth care Q 2hours
- CPT Q 4hours
- Vent Settings:
 - VT 10 – 12 mL/kg
 - PEEP 5
 - FiO_2 to $\text{SaO}_2 > 90\%$



Effect of lung protective strategy for organ donors on eligibility and availability of lungs for transplantation

Design: RCT of conventional vs. lung protective ventilator management strategy

Setting: 118 patients (59 in each group)

Outcome:

- 1° - Eligibility criteria for lung recovery
- 2° - Lungs actually transplanted

JAMA 2010; 304: 2620 - 27

Effect of lung protective strategy for organ donors on eligibility and availability of lungs for transplantation

Lung Protective Strategy

VT 6-8 mL/kg IBW

PEEP 8-10 cm H₂O

Recruitment maneuvers
after vent disconnects

Apnea tests on CPAP

Conventional Strategy

VT 10-12 mL/kg IBW

PEEP 3-5 cm H₂O

No recruitment
maneuvers

Apnea tests without CPAP

JAMA 2010; 304: 2620 - 27

Effect of lung protective strategy for organ donors on eligibility and availability of lungs for transplantation

Results: Lung protective strategy favored

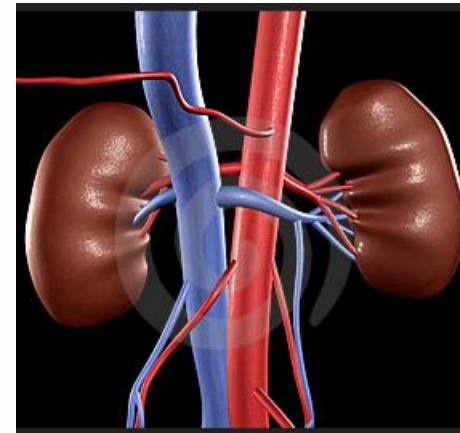
Higher proportion of lungs met eligibility criteria
95% vs. 54% ($p < 0.01$)

Greater number of lungs transplanted
54% vs. 27% ($p = 0.04$)

JAMA 2010; 304: 2620 - 27

Organ-specific management: Kidney

- Use single pressor and low dose
- Urine Output
0.5 – 3mL/kg/hr
over 4 hours



Effect of donor pretreatment with dopamine on graft function after kidney transplantation

- RCT, open-label, parallel study of 264 brain dead donors of 487 kidneys. 2004-2007. 60 European centers
- Intervention: randomized to low dose dopamine = 4 mcg/kg/min or none
- Outcomes: Need for dialysis in first week post transplant

JAMA. 2009 Sep 9; 302(10): 1067-75

Donor pretreatment with dopamine: Results

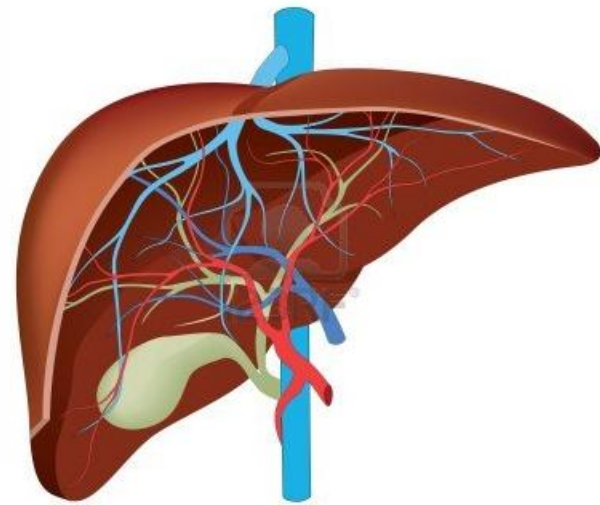
Dialysis P value	DA	Non-DA
Any 0.01	24.7%	35.4%

Multiple dialyses associated with graft failure at 3 years. HR 3.61 (2.39-5.45)

JAMA. 2009 Sep 9; 302(10): 1067-75

Organ-specific management: Liver

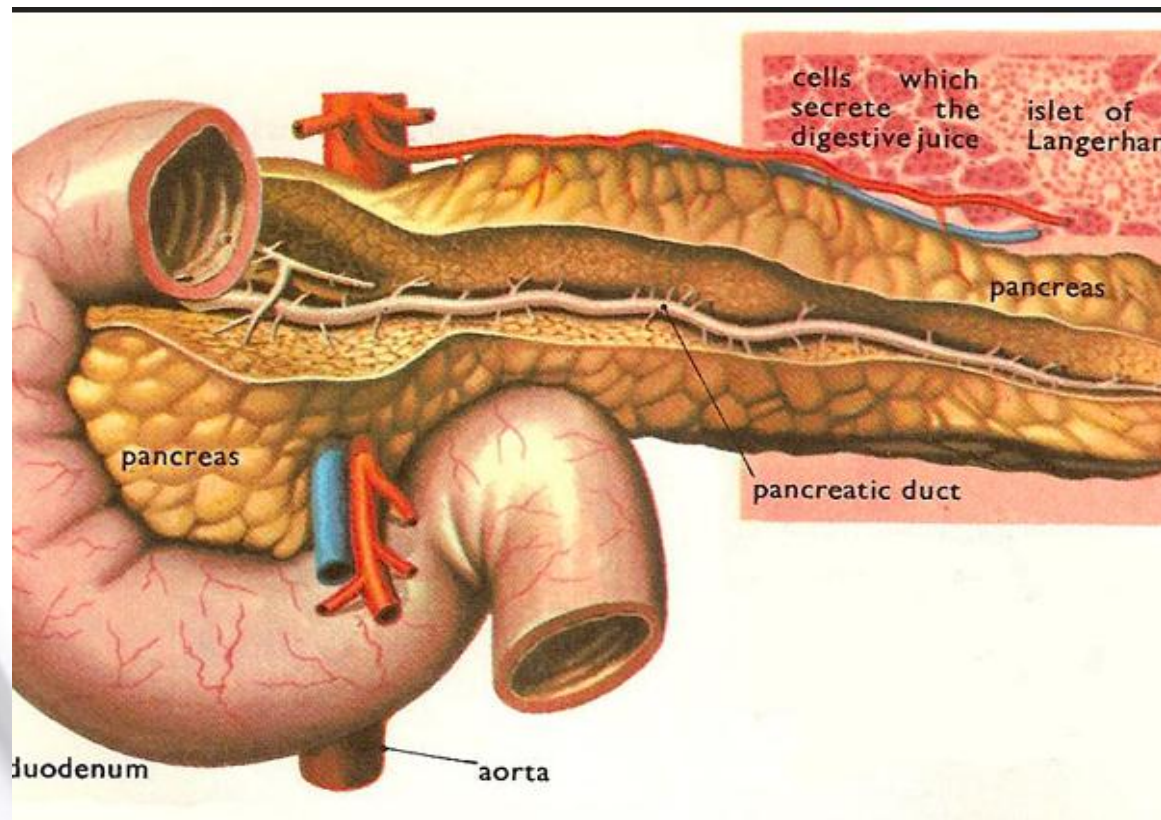
- Maintain Na < 155
Na > 155 can cause swelling after liver transplant



Organ-specific management: Pancreas and Intestine

Tight Glucose control < 150 mg/dL

OGT/NGT Low Intermittent Wall Suction



Role of Intensivist in Donor Management

Increase in organs recovered with close
involvement of intensivist in donor care

66/210 → 113/258 potential organs recovered

Am J Transplant 2011; 11: 1-5

Swedish Medical Center: Organ Donation

	2010	2011	2012	2013 January-Sept (Annualized)
Brain Dead Donors	17	11	15	10 (13)
DCD Donors	1	3	5	3 (6)
Total Organs	61	44	58	40 (53)
OTPD	3.39	3.14	2.94	3.07
Timely Referral Rate	91%	96%	98%	100%

Swedish Medical Center: Tissue and Eye Donation

	2010	2011	2012	2013 January – Sept (Annualized)
Tissue	80	53	62	47 (63)
Eye	91	96	95	106 (141)

National Goals for Organ Donation from HHS/ HRSA

- Organs transplanted per Donor (OTPD) 3.75
- 10% of donations by DCD
- >97% Timely referral rate
Within 60 minutes of clinical triggers

National Goals for Organ Donation from HHS/ HRSA

- OTPD 3.75
SMC = 2.94 for 2012. 3.07 for 2013..
- 10% of donations to be DCD
SMC = 25% for 2012. 23% for 2013.
- >97% Timely referral rate
Within 60 minutes of clinical triggers
SMC = 98% for 2012. 100% for 2013

Organ Viability Research Project at Swedish Medical Center

- Focus: Collect data of 9 DMGs from time of brain death declaration to DA management
- Goal: Develop protocol for donor management to increase OTPD ≥ 3.7
- Scope: Prospective chart review, starting June 2013

SMC Donor Management Order Set

- Initiated at time of declaration of brain death
- Directs care of patient until Donor Alliance team arrives in ICU to assume donor care
- Targets 9 Donor Management Goals of UNOS 5 and UNOS 8 studies
- Protocolized fluid resuscitation followed by pressor administration
- Modifies ventilator management to target tidal volume 8-10 mL/kg

