

# Organ Donation Referrals

## Initial Referral

Refer within **1 HOUR** of **VENTILATED** patient meeting any of the following *Clinical Triggers*:

- **GCS  $\leq$  5**
- **Loss of 2 or more brainstem reflexes**
- **Discussion of Brain Death Exam**
- **Family mentions donation**
- **End-of-Life Discussions about:**
  - **Withdrawal of Ventilated Support**
  - **Comfort Care**

\*Note- these referrals should be made prior to decisions being made to allow time for evaluation

**DONOR ALLIANCE INITIATES DONATION DISCUSSION**

## Follow-up Calls

After initial referral, always call back within **1 HOUR** of any of the follow *Status Changes*:

- **Neuro decline**
- **Decision made to limit or decelerate treatment**
- **Brain Death Testing planned**
- **Family meeting scheduled to discuss end-of-life**
- **Family decision made regarding end-of-life care**
- **Cardiac Time of Death (CTOD) for tissue donation options**

\*Donor Alliance calls once a day to check the status of referred patients. If there is a change as listed above, please call us within one hour.

**PLEASE DON'T WAIT, OR IT MAY BE TOO LATE!**

ALWAYS refer any patient within **1 HOUR of Cardiac Death for TISSUE DONATION options** regardless of status above!