



EDUCATION LEADS TO COLLABORATION

A CRITICAL CARE PERSPECTIVE

Helping the Bedside
Nurse Improve Organ Donation Outcomes

2012 DONATION SUMMIT

it's about time...

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The Donor Resource Committee

Registered
Nurses and
Patient Care
Technicians

Respiratory
Therapists

Physician
Champions

Management
Critical Care
Emergency
Dept.



Hospital
Educators

Liaisons:
-RMLB

Chaplains

-Donor Alliance

The Donor Resource Committee Mission Statement

- Dedicated to the education of the bedside RN and RT
- Plan to integrate organ donation into the end of life care continuum
- Work towards meeting the national goals for organ/tissue transplantation

Why Did We Need to Improve?

- Could not identify the Clinical Triggers
- Referral calls not being made in a timely manner
- Poor working relationship with Donor Alliance
- Needed to keep current staff involved in organ donation
- Needed to educate new staff

**We knew we were not effectively educating the bedside
RN and ancillary staff**

Education Avenues

- Monthly Coffee Carts
- Dedicated Education Unit (DEU)
- Hospital Wide Nursing Orientation
- Staff Meetings
- Hospital Intranet
- Physician Education

Topics of Coffee Cart Education

- Go Green Campaign
 - Monthly and annual performance
 - How can we improve
- What is the DRC?
- Who is our OPO and how do they work
- Respiratory Education
 - Apnea Testing
 - Lung recruitment
- Documentation requirements
- Questions of the month
- Review of Clinical Triggers
- Organ Donation Jeopardy
- Eye Care and Tissue Donation
- What can we say to families?
- Brain Death vs DCD
- Brain Death Declaration Forms
- New Policies and Procedures r/t organ donation
- Review of Standards of Care
- Donation and Minorities
- Success stories/lives saved

The Role of the Respiratory Therapist

- Gain a better understanding of the donor process
- Build a better working relationship with the Donor Alliance coordinators
- Improve lung viability

Lung Recovery at SMC

2010	6 lungs recovered
2011	7 lungs recovered
2012	0 lungs recovered ytd

Where Have We Been?

GO GREEN CAMPAIGN

	Number of Donors	OTPD	Referrals Compliance
2009	17	3.41	90%
2010	16	3.31	90%
2011	14	3.14	96%

Where We Are Now:

2012	18	3.15	98%
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Outcomes and Opportunities

- Coffee Carts are meeting the RN and RT at their point of practice
- Utilizing the CCU Intensivists
- Ongoing education of the Physician Groups
- Providing closure for the bedside RN and RT
- Flag Ceremonies
- Research Projects to improve organ viability
- Ongoing review of the bedside practices and improving outcomes

**We Work Where
Miracles Happen!**

QUESTIONS?