

Organ Donation Process

	Critical Care Organ Donation Coordinator (QEII Halifax)	Frontline Health Professionals (Nurses, Physicians)
Identification and/or Referral of potential organ donor to Organ Donation Coordinator		<p>Recognize potential donor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe acute brain injury • (GCS < 5T) • Intubated/Ventilated • Decision has been made to withdraw care <p>As soon as possible call locating at the QEII and ask for the Organ Donation Coordinator on-call (902-473-2220). Be prepared to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential donor name • Date of birth and age • Health card registration number • Hospital unit number (if applicable) • Next of kin name and contact information <p>You can also call anytime with questions. You can also call the Organ Donor Coordinator anytime with questions.</p>
Donation Conversation With Family	<p>For patients in hospitals outside of Halifax, the Organ Donor Coordinator can assist in the conversation with the family via telephone.</p> <p>If family indicates interest in proceeding with organ donation this is considered a verbal consent. Formal written/telephone consent for donation will be obtained in Halifax.</p> <p>NB: contact between the family and the Organ Donor Coordinator is required prior to transportation.</p>	<p>The discussion about the potential for organ donation is held after the discussion about withdrawal of life support.</p> <p>If family is interested in organ donation, frontline healthcare professionals will ensure that next-of-kin contact information is obtained.</p>

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Transfer to Halifax (QEII or IWK if patient is in hospital outside Halifax)	Collaborates with district ICU/ED physicians and staff to answer any questions regarding support of donor during transport to Halifax.	Arrange transportation of potential donor to Halifax. Maintain hemodynamic stability of organ donor during transport.
Organ Donor Medical Management	Any specific organ donor medical management will be initiated at the QEII/IWK. Note: the process of medical management can last 24 hours or more.	Maintaining hemodynamic stability within usual ICU/ED parameters.
Neurological Determination of Death	Will be completed by two Physicians after admission to 5.2 Medical Surgical Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit or IWK in Halifax.	
Organ and Tissue Donor Registry	Organ Donor Coordinator can access the MSI donor registry if needed to confirm whether the person was registered as an organ donor.	Contact the Organ Donor Coordinator if the patient's donor status is requested by family.
Consent for Organ Donation from Legal Next-of-Kin	Formal written/telephone consent will be completed by the Organ Donor Coordinator or Physician on 5.2 MSNICU in Halifax.	Verbal consent is obtained from the family after they have indicated interest in donation. This is communicated to the Organ Donor Coordinator and documented on the patient's chart.
Donor Medical History & Behavioural Risk Assessment Questionnaire	Completed by the Organ Donor Coordinator.	
Documentation for Transportation		Documentation is the same as for any critical care patient.