Critical Pathway for Donation after Brain Death

Patient meets clinical triggers. Hospital staff contacts the Donor Referral Line.

A neurological exam is consistent with brain death. A LifeCenter Northwest coordinator completes an evaluation to determine medical suitability for donation.

Patient is determined to be a suitable candidate for donation. The physician discusses evidence of brain death with the family.

A LifeCenter Northwest coordinator and the patient care team will jointly discuss an appropriate approach method.

The LifeCenter Northwest coordinator facilitates the donation conversation with the family. Donor Designation serves as consent.

If the patient is Donor Designated, the family is provided with full disclosure. If the patient is not Donor Designated, consent will be obtained.

Patient is maintained on a ventilator in the ICU for donor management and organ allocation.

Family is provided time to say good-bye. Patient is then transferred to the OR.

Organ Recovery

Performed by hospital staff
Performed by hospital staff & LifeCenter
Performed by LifeCenter