

DONOR REFERRAL LINE: 1-800-64-DONOR (36667)

When should I call LifeLink® for initial assessment of organ donation?

- *Regardless of age or diagnosis, call **within 1 hour** on ventilated patients:*
 - Missing at least one brainstem reflex or GCS \leq 8, regardless of sedation
 - When TTM/hypothermia is initiated
- *Call back after initial referral if:*
 - Considering hospice consult, terminal extubation, AND/DNR/CMO
 - Patient's condition declines
 - Brain death testing is planned
 - Family begins understanding poor prognosis/ begins to discuss end-of-life decisions
 - Family mentions donation/asks about next steps

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- Do NOT mention donation or LifeLink to family.
 - If family asks what's next...state, "I have contacted someone to come discuss the next steps and answer your questions."
 - For tissue donation evaluation, refer all patients **within 1 hour of asystole**, even if previously referred.



Remember: Wait, Don't Extubate!



References:
Federal Regulation: CMS 482.45(a)(1)
Agency for Healthcare Administration Statute 765
DNV Healthcare
The Joint Commission
Hospital Policy



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