

# **State of Iowa Department of Corrections**

## **Policy and Procedures**

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### **1. PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the identification, referral, management and recovery of organs, eyes and tissues from qualifying patients for transplantation and/or research. To provide guidelines for offering families the option to donate.

### **2. POLICY**

It is the policy of the staff at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center (FPH/IMCC) to notify the Iowa Donor Network (IDN) of every death, and to assure that families or legal representatives of potential donors are made aware of their options to donate organs and tissues.

### **3. DEFINITIONS - As used in this document:**

- 1) Organ Donation - The donation of heart, liver, lung(s), pancreas, small bowel, kidney(s) from a patient/client who has been pronounced brain dead (regardless of age).

- 2) Tissue Donation - Refers to corneas, tendons, bone, skin, heart valves, fascia, and any other tissue, which may be transplanted.
- 3) Death - An individual is medically and legally dead if he/she has sustained either:
  - a. Irreversible cessation of all functions of circulatory and respiratory function (cardiovascular death).
  - b. Irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain including the brain stem (brain death).
- 4) IDN (Iowa Donor Network) - An organization that provides 24-hour availability by phone, personnel qualified to evaluate potential eye, tissue, or organ donors to determine suitability for donation.
- 5) Unexpected Death - In the event of an unsuspected death, the first priority is to follow IDOC Policy **IO-SE-23**, *Notification of Death*.

#### **4. PROCEDURE**

- A. At or near the time of death, the attending physician or registered nurse shall contact the Iowa Donor Network to determine suitability for organ/tissue donation.
- B. Physician Responsibilities
  1. To document the patient's/client's death appropriately on the chart.
  2. Notify the Iowa Donor Network of any patient/client whose death is imminent or death has occurred.
  3. To communicate the patient's/client's death to the next of kin or patient/client representative.
- C. Nursing Responsibilities
  1. Collaborate with the physician in contacting the Iowa Donor Network.
  2. When the patient/client has been determined to be an organ donor

by the Iowa Donor Network, the nurse shall document this in the Progress Notes.

3. Make arrangements with the Iowa Donor Network for transportation of the patient/client.
- D. The Federal Statute and implementing regulation require the hospital to call the Iowa Donor Network to provide timely notification of all deaths or imminent deaths that occur in the Hospital. Although the statute and regulations are not explicit in establishing that such notification does not violate patient/client confidentiality, it is implicit in the law. There is no requirement in the statute or regulations that the family is informed about the Hospital's notification of the Iowa Donor Network before the Iowa Donor Network be contacted.
- E. The review of this policy shall occur every year. The Iowa Donor Network agreement shall be reviewed and renewed every two years.
- F. Physicians and Registered Nurses shall receive training as directed by the Iowa Donor Network concerning organ donation procedures.
- G. Iowa Donor Network contact information is as follows:

Donor Referral Line – 1-800-831-4131

Address – Iowa Donor Network  
550 Madison Avenue  
North Liberty, IA 52317

## **5. NOTIFICATION**

- A. A nurse encounter shall be completed in Medical ICON denoting the time IDN notification and disposition of donation.
- B. IDOC Medical Director shall also be notified of IDN notification and disposition of donation.