

The Organ Donation Process

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A non-profit community service organization dedicated to the recovery of life-saving and life-enhancing organs and tissue for transplantation therapy.





To maximize the gift of life while giving hope to donor families and transplant patients.



To honor donors and save lives through organ and tissue donation.



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Who is LifeLink of Georgia?



- Division of LifeLink® Foundation
- Exempt from HIPAA regulations
- Certified and regulated by CMS
- 1 of 56 Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO)
- Federally designated service area
 - All hospitals in Georgia and 2 counties in South Carolina

CMS Regulations

RULING 42 CFR PART 482 (1998)

Hospital staff report all imminent deaths per clinical triggers, and all deaths within **one hour of cardiac arrest**

Collaborate with LifeLink and Georgia Eye Bank to offer donation to every medically eligible patient and their family

Only trained requestors (LifeLink/Georgia Eye Bank) should discuss donation with families

LifeLink reviews all expirations in a timely manner

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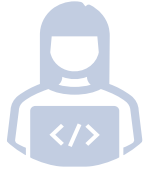


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Organ Referral Evaluation by Designated LifeLink Staff



Review

EMR and consult the healthcare team to evaluate medical suitability and family dynamics.



Collaborate

LLGA and healthcare team to develop plan of care for donation options



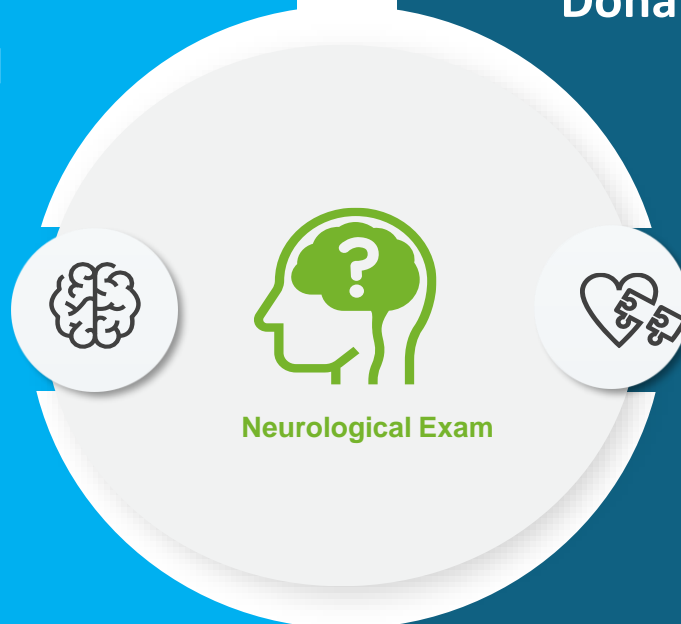
Discuss

Organ donation options with families

Two Pathways to Deceased Organ Donation

Brain Death (Death by neurological criteria)

- Irreversible cessation of ALL functions of the brain, including brainstem
- Maintained on a ventilator with a heartbeat



Donation After Circulatory Death (DCD)

- Option for patients who do not meet brain death criteria and will never recover
- Family has made decision to withdraw support
- Maintained on a ventilator with a heartbeat

Donation Conversation

First Person Authorization: Donor Designation

Georgia First Person Authorization Law passed 2008 (Senate Bill 405)

FIRST PERSON AUTHORIZATION

(Individuals have the right to make legally binding donation decision prior to death)

FPA is the legally binding decision of an individual to become a donor after death

(UAGA Section 8)

No party, including donor's family, has the power, right or authority to change, amend, or revoke decision, and family permission is not required

LifeLink is obligated to respect and honor autonomous rights of the donor

(UAGA C.26:6-89)

Source: The Organ Donation and Transplantation Alliance, Executive Insight Series, Fall 2017

Legal Next of Kin

Authorization form signed by the patient's legal next of kin (LNOK) when patient has not made a Donor Designation on a state registry or drivers' license

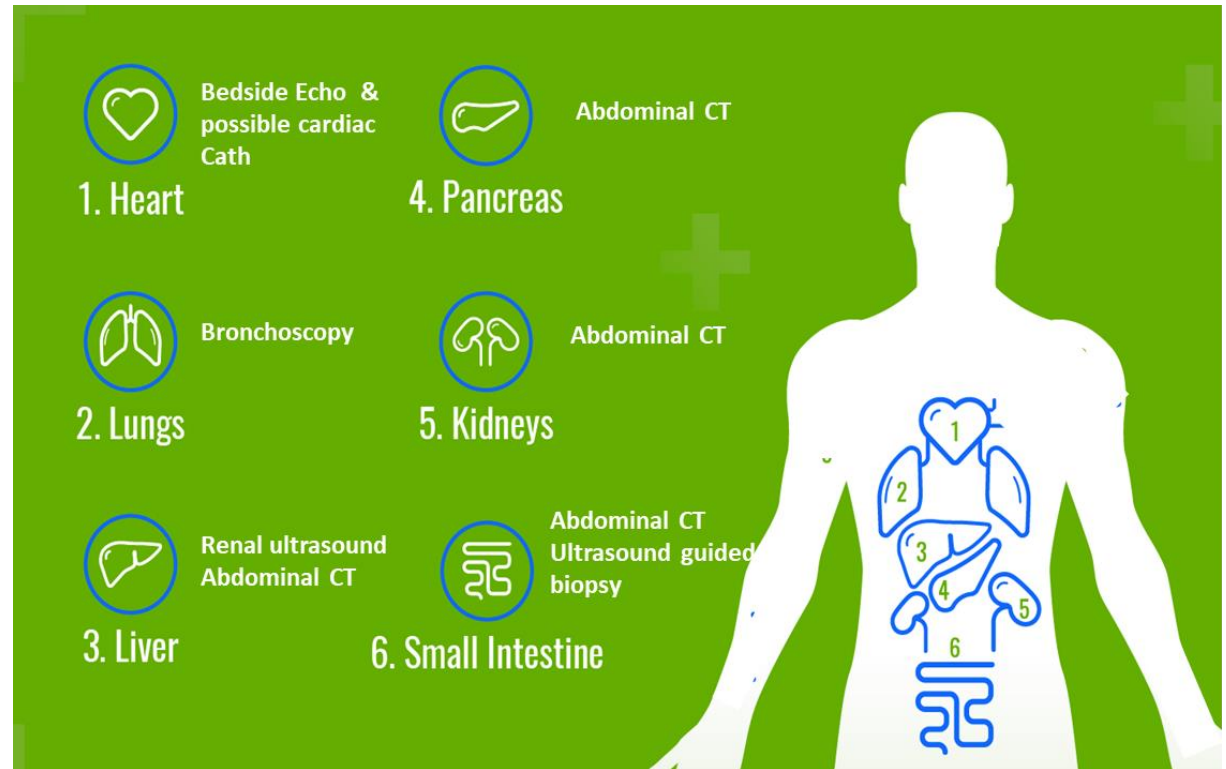
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Organ Evaluation

Depending on donor age, medical history, and trauma/injury, each organ is independently evaluated to determine medical suitability for transplantation.



LifeLink Organ Recovery Center

LifeLink transports select brain dead donors to our Organ Recovery Center (ORC) located at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital.

An ORC is an ICU/surgical area with dedicated space and staff, which will facilitate the recovery process, and provide specialized services to donors and donor families.



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How many people die every day waiting for a transplant?

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Placement and Recovery of Organs



UNOS: United Network of Organ Sharing

Manages the organ transplant system

Ensures an equitable system for organ sharing



Factors to Match Organs

Blood type, size (height/weight), medical need, waiting time, geography



Recovery Teams

Local transplant teams arrive at donor hospital via ambulance

Out-of-state teams fly into local airports



LifeLink Surgical Coordinator

Arrives prior to scheduled OR with additional supplies; sets up OR/huddles with OR team; scrubs in for case and serves as first assist; closes and prepares the body for the morgue

Donor Family Services

- Moment of Gratitude
- Family Resource Guide
- Flag Raising and/or Honor Walk
- Family Services Specialist
 - Sympathy card
 - Family Letter with Donor Outcome
 - Celebration of Life
 - Family Meetings



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