

# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – JACKSONVILLE Resident Manual

## ORGAN, TISSUE and CORNEA DONOR PROGRAMS

### SHANDS JACKSONVILLE SUPPORTS ORGAN DONATION—CLINICAL TRIGGERS

According to federal law and Joint Commission standards, all hospital deaths, including imminent deaths, must be reported to LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services, the local federally designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO). An **imminent death** is defined as a patient with a Glasgow Coma Score of 5 or less, and/or all patients who are to be terminally weaned. Shands Jacksonville supports organ and tissue donation and encourages timely routine referrals of all imminent deaths to LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services when a patient meets the clinical trigger of a GCS of 5 or less and/or any discussion of a terminal wean.

### REFERRAL OF THE POTENTIAL ORGAN DONOR

**LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services is located at Shands Jacksonville and should be contacted within one hour of all deaths at 1-800-535-4483.**

For potential **Brain Death** patients and **Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)** patients, a call should be placed to LifeQuest when a patient reaches a GCS of 5 or less, and/or when the discussion of terminal weaning has taken place by the physician or family member. Once the call has been made to LifeQuest, an Organ Procurement Coordinator will call back within 10 minutes to medically evaluate the suitability of the potential donor.

The Organ Procurement Coordinators are on-call 24 hours a day to evaluate all potential organ/tissue donors, to discuss the option of organ and tissue donation with the next-of-kin and to address any questions the hospital staff may have regarding a potential organ donor.

### CONSENT PROCESS

**Federal law prohibits the initiation and discussion of organ and tissue donation to be made by anyone untrained in the approach process. Shands Jacksonville has designated LifeQuest organ procurement coordinators as the trained requestor and prohibits non-trained requestors, i.e. nurses, chaplains and physicians from making this request.**

### DONOR DIRECTIVE

**Many people already have made the decision to be organ donors, per their state's donor registry or their driver licenses. In Florida, a donor directive is considered an advanced directive, first-person consent and the law (the Nick Olerich Gift of Life Act, 2003). A signed donor card, enrollment on the donor registry or living will represent legally binding, irrevocable documents for organ donation and a donor directive will be honored.**