

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ORGAN DONOR ON INITIAL REFERRAL - GUIDELINES

Introduction

These guidelines have been developed to assist medical staff to obtain the relevant information to inform the ICU specialist and/or the Medical Director of Organ and Tissue Donation about a potential organ donor.

They are to be read in conjunction with the *ED/ICU GIVE Clinical Trigger Guidelines* and the *Medical Management of a Potential Organ Donor Guidelines*

The ICU:

Receives a call from the Emergency Department once a patient is identified as meeting the GIVE clinical trigger for ED

OR

A patient in the Intensive Care Unit is identified as meeting the GIVE clinical trigger for ICU.

Information Required

The ICU will assess the patient based on the following:

- Current illness/injury diagnosis
- Past history/illnesses – any history of malignancy (type and how long ago)
- Background to current injury/illness
- Management and treatment interventions to date:
 - ♥ Pathology
 - ♥ CT/Radiological scans
 - ♥ X-ray
 - ♥ Echocardiograph/ECG
 - ♥ EEG
- Assess current clinical status and responsiveness to interventions:

- ♥ Haemodynamic support – inotropes/rhythm/rate/electrolytes/CVP
- ♥ Neurological support – temperature/GCS/brain stem reflexes/sedation
- ♥ Respiratory support – FiO2/ventilatory settings/breath sounds
- ♥ Endocrine – BSLs/Insulin/ Diabetes Insipidus
- ♥ Renal – output/renal function parameters
- Social considerations:
 - ♥ Next of Kin
 - ♥ Significant others and key players
 - ♥ Family dynamics - cohesive/divisive/differing factions
 - ♥ Employment
 - ♥ Religion /country of birth/need for interpreter
 - ♥ Known lifestyle – fit/IVDU/alcohol/smoker

Has the possibility of organ donation been raised with the family	Yes	No
Who raised the issue	Family	Staff
Is the patient a registered donor	Yes	No
Are the family aware of the futility of ongoing treatment	Yes	No
Has an end of life discussion been commenced	Yes	No