Critical Pathway for Donation after Circulatory Death

Patient meets clinical triggers. Hospital staff contacts the Donor Referral Line. A neurological exam is **not** consistent with brain death. Physician and family have discussion about withdrawal of life support as an appropriate option. Patient is determined to be a suitable candidate for donation. LifeCenter Northwest coordinator and primary care team will jointly discuss an appropriate approach method. LifeCenter Northwest coordinator facilitates donation conversation with family. Patient is maintained during further evaluation as a potential donor after cardiac death. LifeCenter Northwest will collect patient medical information. If the withdrawal of life support is not in the Intensive Care Unit, the patient is transported to the location of withdrawal. Hospital staff facilitates preparation for withdrawal of support per hospital policy. Support withdrawn Warm ischemia time begins. Declaring hospital physician or RN must be present to pronounce death. LifeCenter Northwest will continue to track vital signs. PATIENT ARRESTS PATIENT DOES NOT ARREST Notify attending physician. Transfer patient to designated hospital Patient declared dead by cardiopulmonary criteria by non-Performed by hospital staff transplant related MD or RN Performed by hospital staff & LifeCenter (according to hospital policy) Recovery team in OR LifeCenter Begin Rapid Organ Recovery

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