

# Donation Referral Process

## CALL: 1-888-543-3287

- Call within **60 minutes** of patient meeting triggers
- Do not de-escalate care
- Donation agency determines suitability
- Do not mention donation to the family
- Please check with the ICU/ER nurse on **ANY** intubated patient before **EVERY** terminal extubation
- Ensure donation referral, updates and evaluation for suitability have been completed prior to terminal extubation

## INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU EXTUBATE

### Triggers For Organ & Tissue Donation

#### Ventilated Patients

Loss of three  
or more  
brainstem reflexes

OR

Anticipated or  
planned discussion  
around end-of-life

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#### All Patients

Cardiac Time of Death

(including previously vented, ruled out for organ donation and never vented)

**Brainstem Reflexes:** Pupils fixed | No corneal response  
No cough | No gag | No response to painful stimuli  
No spontaneous breathing | No doll's eyes reflex  
No response to cold calorics