



Alcor Life Extension Foundation
501(c)(3) Non-Profit
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General Information

You are currently on the care team for one of our members who has chosen cryopreservation with Alcor Life Extension Foundation following their legal death.

Who is Alcor?

The Alcor Life Extension Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has provided cryopreservation services and conducted related research for over fifty years. With more than 1,400 members and over 200 cryopreservations, Alcor is the world leader in cryonics.

What is cryopreservation?

Cryopreservation is a legal method for storing human remains through whole-body anatomical donation under the *Uniform Anatomical Gift Act*. Prompt preservation procedures upon legal death are crucial for optimal results. Alcor provides these services according to the member's *Authorization for Anatomical Donation and Cryopreservation Agreement*.

What happens after the patient is declared legally deceased?

Upon legal death, we administer medications per our protocols, apply ice to cool the patient quickly, and use a mechanical chest compression device and ventilation to provide cardiopulmonary support. Immediate action, similar to organ donation procedures, is vital. We provide all necessary equipment and supplies, requiring only immediate access to the patient.

What does your collaboration with Alcor entail?

Timely medical information to our Medical Response Director helps us prepare for an appropriate standby. If the member is near clinical death, please call our 24/7 emergency line at **(800) 367-2228**. Our Deployment and Recovery Team (DART) will arrive as soon as possible. Prompt legal death pronouncement and immediate release of the remains to Alcor are essential for successful cryopreservation.

If the member is declared legally deceased before our team's arrival, please pack the patient in ice (in sealed bags), focusing on the head and neck, and cover the entire body. Do not place the member in a morgue freezer, as freezing would harm the cryopreservation process. Ideally, notify us before clinical death so we can begin immediately upon legal pronouncement.

For any questions or concerns, contact our Medical Response Director, Shelby Calkins, RN, MSN, at shelby.calkins@alcor.org or (480) 550-0279.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Alcor Life Extension Foundation, and its agents, make no claim to medical decision making for our members. Medical decisions, including code status, remain the sole discretion of the member and/or their MPOA. Please ensure to follow the member's stated medical wishes, while keeping in line with their listed code status. At the time of legal pronouncement of death, Alcor Life Extension Foundation is legally responsible for and authorized to function as Next of Kin regarding the member's disposition of human remains according to our contracts and federal authorities. Alcor functions as Donor Agent to the member, to fulfill their contractual obligations to the member according to legally binding agreements.