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POLICY

All patients who meet imminent death clinical triggers (as defined below) and/or expire at Beaumont Hospitals are potential organ, tissue and eye donors and require mandatory screening by Gift of Life of Michigan (GOLM), 1-800-482-4881, through the Routine Notification program.

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Donor:** is the patient/decedent whose body, organs or tissues are being donated
2. **Surrogate:** is a person, other than the patient, who may consent to donation of all or part of the deceased patient's body *provided* that the patient had not made an anatomical gift or expressed an unwillingness to do so.

DONATION OF ANATOMICAL GIFTS

By Donor

1. An individual who is at least 18 years of age and of sound mind may make a gift of all or any part of his/her body for transplantation, therapy, education, research or the advancement of science.
2. The gift may be made by will or a properly signed and witnessed document of gift, including a donor card and personal identification card or driver's license issued by the Michigan Secretary of State or registration with the State of Michigan Confidential Donor Registry.
3. The gift is effective upon the donor's death and is not revocable after his/her death. If an individual who has signed up on the Michigan Donor Registry is under age of 18, written parental/legal guardian consent is still required in order to proceed with donation.

By Surrogate

1. If a patient dies without having made an anatomical gift, the following persons, in the stated order of priority, may consent to a gift of all or any part of the decedent's body:
 - Patient Advocate designated and authorized under a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
 - Spouse
 - Adult son or daughter
 - Either parent
 - Adult brother or sister
 - Legal guardian of the decedent at the time of death
 - Person authorized or obligated to dispose of the decedent's body

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2. Upon or immediately prior to a patient's death, the surrogate with priority will be offered the options of donating or declining to donate all or any part of the patient's body *except that* a surrogate's consent will not be sought and may not be given if any of the following apply:
 - The patient had made an anatomical gift in written form.
 - The patient had expressed an unwillingness to make a gift in written form.
 - A surrogate in the same or higher class of priority opposes making the gift. All surrogates within the same class must be in agreement for donation to proceed.

ORGAN AND TISSUE PROCUREMENT

1. Beaumont Hospitals utilize the services of the Gift of Life of Michigan (GOLM) and the Midwest Eye Banks (MEB) to assist with the identification of potential donors, the procurement of donated organs, tissues and corneas, the education of hospital staff regarding donation.
2. GOLM will be notified within one hour of the identification of any patient classified as an imminent deaths within the hospital in order to evaluate suitability for organ and tissue donation. Imminent death, as defined by contract with GOLM, is the patient exhibiting **ALL three** of the following clinical triggers:
 - a. Neurological injury present (trauma, cva, anoxia, etc.)
 - b. Glasgow coma scale (GCS) of 5 or less without sedation
 - c. Patient on a ventilator
3. For mechanically ventilated patients GOLM will be notified *prior* to the withdrawal of any life-sustaining therapies, including medical or pharmacological support. GOLM will be notified immediately of any planned discussion of withdrawal of care, as well as any decision to withdraw care.
4. GOLM will be notified within one hour of all actual deaths within the hospital to evaluate suitability for tissue donation.
5. GOLM:
 - a. Determines medical suitability for organ, tissue and cornea donation;
 - b. Assists, under medical supervision, in conducting or directing necessary donor evaluation and supportive care;
 - c. Coordinates the recovery of organs, tissues and corneas by qualified surgical teams;
 - d. Arranges for the preservation and distribution of organs, tissues and corneas to transplant centers.

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CONTACTING THE SURROGATE

The GOLM Coordinator and/or a **designated requestor** will notify the appropriate surrogate of the options of donating or declining to donate the deceased patient's organs, tissues and corneas. Only a **designated requestor** may request the donation of all or any part of the decedent's body. The circumstances, views, beliefs and values of the deceased patient's surrogate/family members will be treated with respect and sensitivity.

EDUCATION OF DESIGNATED REQUESTORS

A **designated requestor** is a hospital representative or an employee of GOLM who has been trained and certified by GOLM or MEB in the methodology for approaching a potential donor's surrogate and requesting organ, tissue or cornea donation. Specific lists of **designated requestors** are maintained on site.

EDUCATION OF HOSPITAL STAFF

The Organ Donation Program Coordinator/Hospital Liaison works with GOLM to provide education to the hospital staff on issues surrounding organ and tissue donation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach programs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Annual on-site programs for staff and visitors coordinated by the Organ and Tissue Donation Committee.
- Periodic community programs as identified and coordinated by the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan.

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION COMMITTEE

The Corporate Organ and Tissue Donation Committee meets regularly to monitor and evaluate organ and tissue donation activities at the Royal Oak, Troy, and Grosse Pointe hospitals. Committee evaluation includes reviewing of policies and protocols, discussion of educational initiatives and review of death records and donation statistics to improve the organ donation process. The Organ Donation Program Coordinator/Hospital Liaison, in collaboration with GOLM, performs monthly death record review to improve the identification of potential donors.

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<u>BODY DONATIONS TO MEDICAL SCHOOLS</u>			
<p>1. The presence of any of the following excludes body donation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ HIV Positive▪ AIDS▪ Hepatitis of any kind▪ Jacob-Creutzfeldt Disease▪ Encephalitis▪ Rabies▪ Syphilis▪ Open Wounds (inclusive of bed sores)			
<p>2. <u>Other exclusions:</u></p> <p>a. <u>University of Michigan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Burn Cases▪ Extreme obesity▪ Undiagnosed memory loss within 2 years <p>b. <u>Wayne State University:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An autopsied body▪ Major surgery within 6 months▪ Extreme obesity▪ Major trauma▪ Badly burned or decomposed▪ Extreme contraction <p>c. <u>Michigan State University:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An autopsied body▪ Major surgery within 3 months▪ Badly burned or decomposed body▪ Extreme obesity▪ Major trauma			
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