



Deceased Organ Donor (O.R.): Post Procurement Care

(Neurological Determination of Death, or Donation After Cardiac Death)

Site Applicability

Operating Room SPH

Practice Level

Basic: RN, LPN

Need to Know

- The ICU physician enters the Patient Expired order. The ICU nurse completes the Expiration Record and the Valuables/Belongings form.
- The ICU physician completes the **Medical Certification of Death**, and the disposition of this form is the taken care of by ICU staff.
- The patient comes to the OR in an inpatient encounter, with the service listed as “Deceased Donor”. Document the surgery in this encounter.
- No surgical count is required.
- The BC Transplant staff will inform the OR staff if the coroner is involved in the case, or the patient is a candidate for eye donation.
- Leave the chartlet at the OR desk. (Charge nurse has access after hours.)

Equipment and Supplies

- Postmortem bag with tags (mortuary pack) from the supply cart in pre-op patient holding.

Procedure

Contact the OR clerk or Bed Booking (69271) or ER Registration (62630 or 62157) to discharge the patient and create a **Deceased Encounter** by completing the following steps. Bed Booking or ER Registration will do this when there is no OR clerk. (Bed Booking is open 0700-1900.) Nurses do not have access to perform these tasks.

- Receive the **Patient Deceased** task on their **Multi-Patient Task List**.
- Complete **Discharge Encounter** using **PM Conversation**.
- In **Discharge Encounter** conversation, enter:

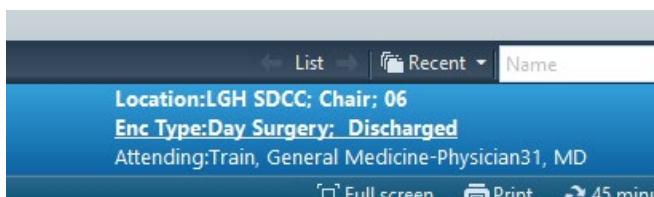
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- **Deceased** as discharge disposition
- **Discharge Date** and **Discharge Time** (time organ procurement was completed)
- **Deceased Date** and **Deceased Time** (time of first determination of neurological death or time of declaration of cardiac death). These times are found in the “**Confirmation of Neurological Determination of Death**” or “**Confirmation of Cardio-Circulatory Death**” form. Look under Documentation to find these forms. (Call ICU unit clerk for help if unable to find time.)
- Leave **Discharge to Location** field **blank**
- Once patient is discharged, create a **Deceased** Encounter for the body using the **Quick Reg** Conversation in **PM Office**. (Registration date and time is 1 minute after discharge time.)

Preparation of the Body:

1. Use standard precautions, plus any appropriate transmission-based precautions, when caring for the body.
2. If it is a coroner’s case or if the deceased is being considered for an autopsy, leave all lines and tubes in place. (Drainage contents are not saved unless specifically requested by the coroner or the laboratory.) Consult with the surgeon re the possibility of an autopsy.
3. If it is not a coroner’s case and no autopsy is being considered, remove all IV lines and tubes including SC butterflies, Foley catheters, central lines (PICC), NG tubes, etc., and discard IV bags, catheter and other drainage bags. If unable to remove, clamp these tubes or apply end caps to prevent leakage. Light dressings may be applied to puncture sites if needed.
4. Clean the body as necessary.
5. Obtain dentures from the nursing unit, and put them in. If the mouth will not remain closed, place a rolled towel under the chin.
6. Dress deceased in a clean gown.
7. If the deceased is being considered for eye donation instill 4 to 6 drops of normal saline into each eye, tape the eyelids closed and apply a light ice pack. Document eye care on the “BC Transplant Donation Information” form. This is in the **Expiration Record**, found under Documentation. An eye bank staff member will retrieve the eyes from the patient after they have been transferred to the morgue.
8. Once a “**Deceased Encounter**” has been created, select this encounter in order to complete the following steps to identify the body.
To select this encounter, double click on the encounter type on the banner bar. From the list of encounter types that appears, select the “deceased” encounter.



| Custom Information: Intraop-Nurs | | | |
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| Encounter Type | Location | Registration Date | Discharge Date |
| Day Surgery | LGH SDCC Chair 06 | 19-Aug-2019 04:54 PDT | 30-Jan-2020 09:54 PST |
| Deceased | SPH OR | 3-Feb-2020 10:04 PDT | |

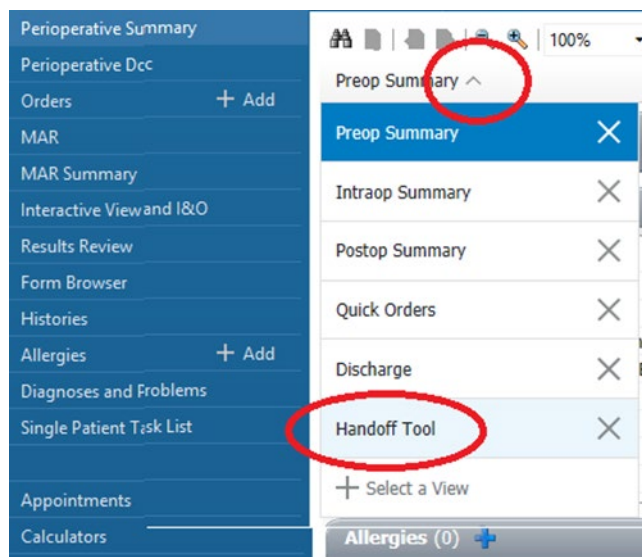
- Replace the ID armband with the armband printed from the **Deceased Encounter** after **two nurses** have verified that the patient name, MRN, birth date, and encounter number are correct by comparing them to the banner bar in Cerner. Apply a patient label printed from the **Deceased Encounter** to each of the 3 tags that come with the post-mortem bag. **Two nurses** also verify that the new armband and the patient labels on the tags match.

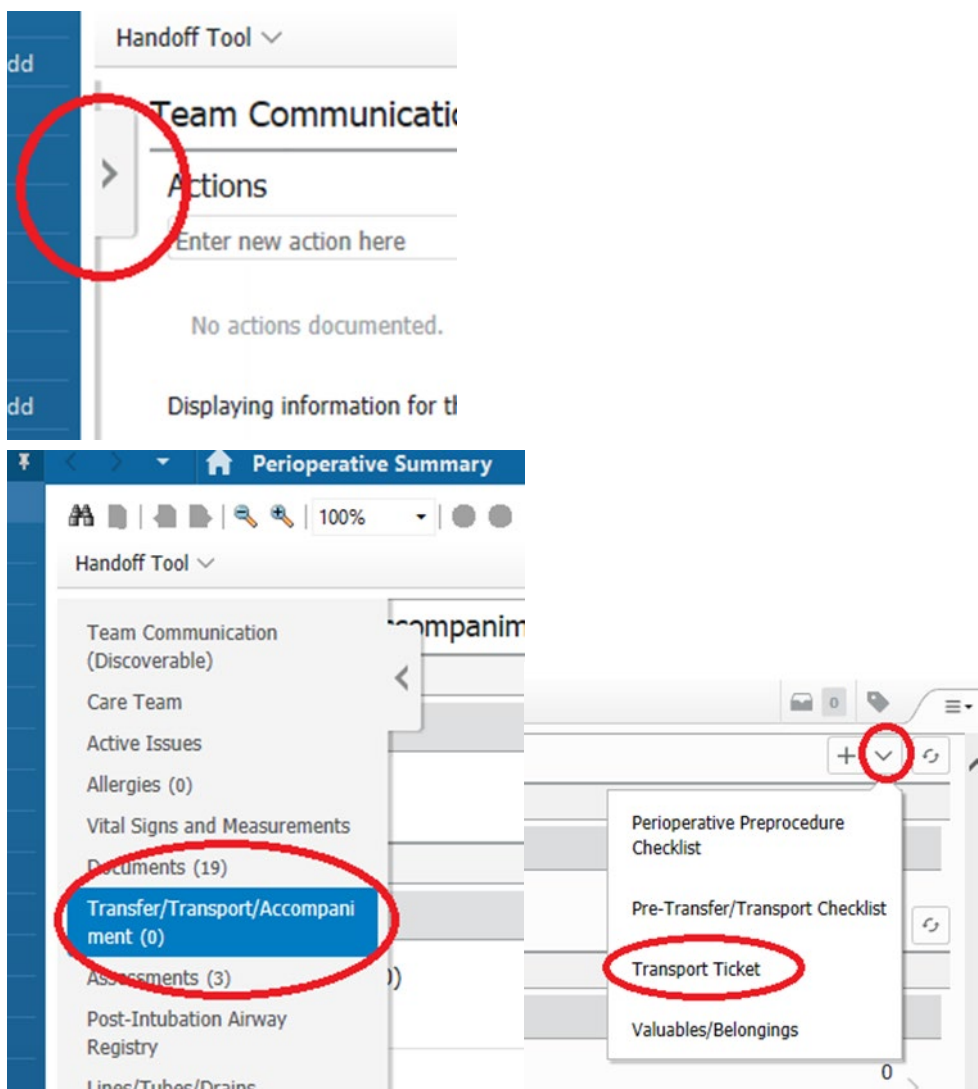
Return to the previous encounter. Document the names of the two nurses verifying the patient identification in **Perioperative Doc, Surgical Procedure** segment, comments section. (Ensure “out of OR” time is entered when the body is transferred to the morgue. Finalize the document.)

- Attach tags: one to a toe, one to the zipper of the post-mortem bag, one to the patient belongings bag, if applicable.
- Place the patient in the post-mortem bag so that the zipper closes at the patient’s feet.

Transport of the Body:

- Go to **Periop Summary**. Click on the arrow for the dropdown menu. Select **Handoff Tool**. Click on the **Actions** arrow. Click on **Transfer/Transport/Accompaniment**. Select **Transport Ticket** from the dropdown menu. There is no need to print it as it is only required by the porter for transfer of a live patient.







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Transport Ticket

Status Orders and Allergies

Code/Isolation/Precaution Orders
No qualifying data available.

Allergies
shellfish: (Urticaria (Hives), Itching)
No Known Medication Allergies

Active Process Alerts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication barrier | <input type="checkbox"/> No ceiling lift | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure precaution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cytotoxic | <input type="checkbox"/> On research study | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor restrictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult intubation/airway | <input type="checkbox"/> Special care plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall risk | <input type="checkbox"/> Palliative care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Attending Physician

Transfer From and To/Mode/Equipment

Transfer To **Transfer From** **Mode of Transport**

☐ Stretcher ☐ Ambulatory

☐ Wheelchair ☐ Carried

☐ Bed ☐ Other:

Equipment Accompanying Patient

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airway management equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Defibrillator | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-invasive blood pressure monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Resuscitation drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fetal heart monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen | <input type="checkbox"/> Suction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardio/respiratory monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> IV pump | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulse oximetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

2. Send a porter aide to bring the morgue stretcher to the OR. Morgue keys are located in Emergency, ICU, and on Palliative Care. The morgue stretcher, which includes a cover, is kept on Providence level 1 by the service elevators.
3. Call the hospital porter to assist the OR porter aide with transporting the body to the morgue. (The hospital porter is familiar with the equipment and procedure for placing the body within the morgue.)
4. As the body leaves the OR for the morgue, transfer the patient to **Morgue Location** using **Bed Transfer** in **PM Conversation**. Complete the bed transfer in the **Deceased Encounter**.
5. Remind the porters to ensure the morgue doors are locked when leaving and to return the key and stretcher.
6. Leave the chartlet at the OR desk. (Charge nurse has access after hours.)

Related Documents

1. [B-00-11-10111](#) – Death (Policy)
2. [B-00-11-10113](#) - Organ and Tissue Donation (Policy)
3. [BD-00-11-40021](#) - Donation After Cardiac Death (Policy)
4. [B-00-07-13042](#) - Death: Care of the Body After Death (Infection Control Standard)
5. [B-00-12-40027](#) - Donation of Eyes Procedure
6. [B-00-12-10019](#) - Death (Adult): Care of the Patient



References

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