

ANATOMICAL GIFT/ DONOR CARD SEARCH

Indications

- Conducting a “reasonable search” on an unconscious adult patient for whom it appears death is imminent for the purpose of locating documents to identify organ donation requests

- Conduct the search in the presence of a witness not involved in the search, preferable a law enforcement officer

If the individual is declared or pronounced dead in the field

- The coroner or law enforcement officer should perform the search instead of prehospital personnel

If prehospital personnel searched the patient before arrival of law enforcement/coroner

- Notification of such search must be disclosed when law enforcement and/or coroner arrive at the scene

- Documentation of donor status must remain with the patient
- Notify the receiving hospital if documentation of donor status is located

Critical Information

- This procedure shall be secondary to the requirement that ambulance or emergency personnel provide emergency services to the patient