

# ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION

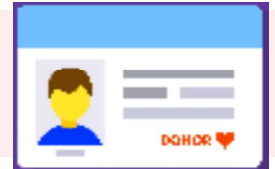
## THE DONATION DISCUSSION



Prior to CDT offering donation to families, it's important we collaborate in the following ways to ensure a compassionate donation discussion

### 1 Donor Registry Check

CDT searches state and national registries to determine if the patient has previously registered as an organ & tissue donor.



### 2 Complete a full medical screening

Through review of current admission & medical history, CDT determines what the patient is eligible to donate. This is shared with families during the donation discussion to explain the impact their loved-one may have through donation. 1 donor can save or enhance up to 75 lives!



### 3 Assessment of family dynamics

- Verify family understanding of death/prognosis
- Determine who is the legal decision maker
- Identify family needs (social, religious, cultural, language, etc)



### 4 Determine the timing of the donation discussion

- For tissue, donation is offered after death, typically over phone by a CDT requestor a few hours after the family has left the hospital.
- For organ, donation is typically offered in-person by a CDT requestor after brain death declaration or upon a decision to withdraw support.



### 5 The compassionate donation discussion

CDT staff offer donation in a manner which advocates on behalf of the bereaved family as well as potential recipients. Goals of the discussion are:

- Connect with the family by learning about their loved-one
- Proactively educate by presenting donation facts
- Inspire families by helping them understand impact & need
- Support families, regardless of their ultimate decision

