

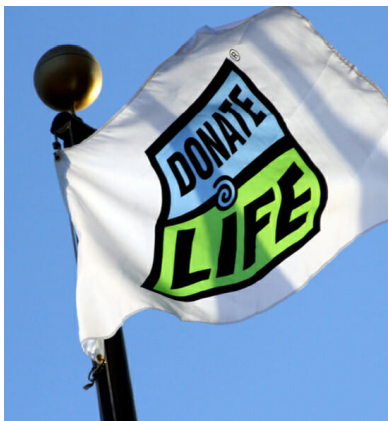
THE LEGACY NEWSLETTER

Resources for Hospital Partners

The Legacy newsletter is a monthly communication for CDT's partner hospitals across New York, Vermont and Massachusetts, containing updates, education and inspirational stories about the impactful work we can achieve through collaboration. Every issue of The Legacy is available online at www.cdtnyvt.org/LegacyNews. Scan the **QR code** with your smart phone camera to visit the page and access other helpful resources related to the donation process.



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Call to Action

Please consider sharing your connection to donation & transplant to inspire others. Learn how to submit your story.



Thanks!

In March, our nation comes together to formally thank Doctors and Social Workers. CDT sends our thanks!



Education Corner

What happens after a referral is made? What should you expect? Learn about how CDT evaluates for donation.

CALL TO ACTION

SHARE YOUR STORY

We believe in the transformative power of story, especially when it comes to the profound journey of organ and tissue donation. Your experiences – whether as donors, recipients, family members, or medical professionals – hold the unique ability to inspire, educate, and offer solace.

In this spirit, we invite you to share your own stories. Perhaps you've witnessed a patient's life change dramatically thanks to an organ transplant, or you've experienced the deep gratitude of a family giving the gift of life in the midst of loss. Maybe you've navigated the complex emotions of being a recipient or donor family member yourself. Whatever your connection, your story is important.

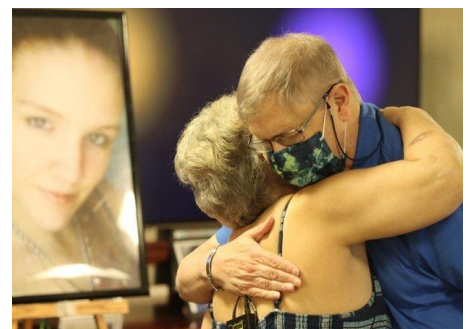
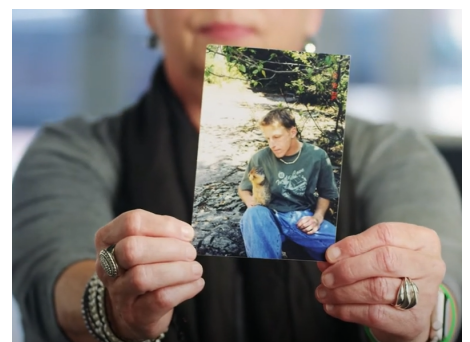
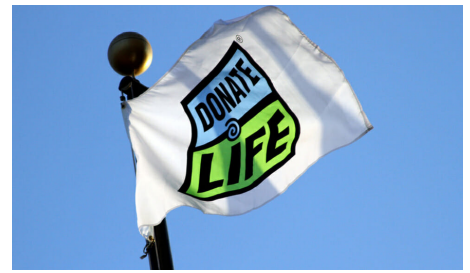
Please scan the QR code below to submit your experience. These narratives will serve as a powerful reminder of the impact of donation and how it connects us all in profound and meaningful ways. Your story has the potential to motivate, to comfort, and perhaps most importantly, to connect us to the greater purpose behind our work and sacrifices.

We look forward to reading your stories and sharing them with our community. Together, we can foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the life-saving gift of organ and tissue donation.

Your voice matters. Share it with us.



<https://cdtnyvt.org/submit-a-gol-story-1>



EDUCATION CORNER

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER AN ORGAN DONOR REFERRAL IS MADE

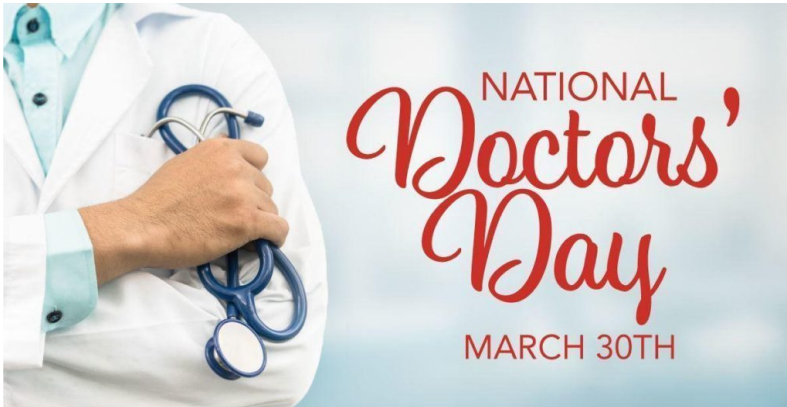


Once a donation referral has been made, the evaluation process by CDT begins. Here's what to expect:

- 1** Organ Donation Referral made by RN
 - RN calls 1-800-803-6667, presses 2 for “vented with a heart beat”
- 2** The Donor Resource Center (DRC) staff takes initial information from the RN- pt name, DOB, MRN, etc. DRC staff check state donor registries. A CDT referral number is provided to the RN.
- 3** The DRC pushes referral information to the CDT Team for immediate review
- 4** A CDT Donation Coordinator will call back to the bedside for an initial assessment of the potential for organ donation. Common questions asked by CDT will include:
 - Admission course / notable medical history
 - Neurological function- brain stem reflexes
 - Care plan, code status, timeline for end-of-life if known
 - Family- decision maker(s), plan, understanding of prognosis
- 5** CDT will call to the bedside at 8am & 8pm each day for updates. If CDT has remote access to the hospital EMR, CDT will access the chart remotely for ongoing review. If a patient is not a candidate for organ donation, the RN will only be required to report time of death (TOD) when such occurs.
- 6** If there is potential for organ donation, CDT will meet with a patient's family when readiness triggers for a discussion are met. These can include:

Family Mentions Donation	They want to donate or expresses an interest in talking about it
Brain Death Pronounced: Family Verbalizes Understanding	Patient has been pronounced brain dead. Family has been given this information, and express an understanding their loved one has died.
Decision to Limit, Decelerate or WD Therapies	Team maintains therapies until there has been a donation discussion. Withdrawal or deceleration should not occur until there is a donation decision.
Family Understands There Is No Hope For Recovery	This may occur <i>prior</i> to brain death pronouncement or during family care plan meetings
Pulmonary or Hemodynamic Instability (On the Verge of Coding)	This could impact the patient/family donation opportunity. Team should fully support until there is a donation discussion.
Team Mentions Donation	The donation discussion should be a coordinated effort, led by CDT in collaboration with the Team. Refrain from discussing donation without CDT involvement

THANK YOU



CDT sends our gratitude to Doctors and Social Workers as our nation celebrates them this March. On behalf of the CDT team and all of the donor families and recipients we are able to impact, thank you for your service to patients, families and our communities.

Coming in April- Donate Life Month

APRIL IS NATIONAL  MONTH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3 Donate Life Living Donor Day 	4	5	6 Spirit Week 
7 Make Blue & Green Treats 	8 Thank Your Healthcare Heroes! 	9 Write a Message of Hope 	10 Donate Life Flag Raising Day 	11 Create Donate Life Rocks 	12 National Donate Life Blue & Green Day 	13
14	15 Volunteer Appreciation Week 	16	17	18	19	20
21 National Pediatric Transplant Week (April 21-27) 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30 				