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Eileen Grugan, whose son Charles saved three lives through organ donation

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Surgical Resident Training *Overview & Introduction*

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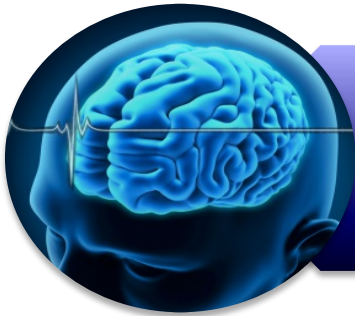
A Donate Life Organization



Explaining Brain Death: Program Objectives



You will be able to identify some of the reasons families become confused about brain death.



You will be able to utilize techniques to help you communicate brain death more effectively.



You will be able to facilitate an effective transition to the discussion with the organ procurement coordinator.

Explaining Brain Death: Program Overview

- Pre-Test
- Didactic / Classroom / Discussion
 - Literature review
 - Grieving process
 - Components of an effective brain death explanation
- Role Play
 - Simulated scenario
 - Frank, honest feedback
- Post-Test



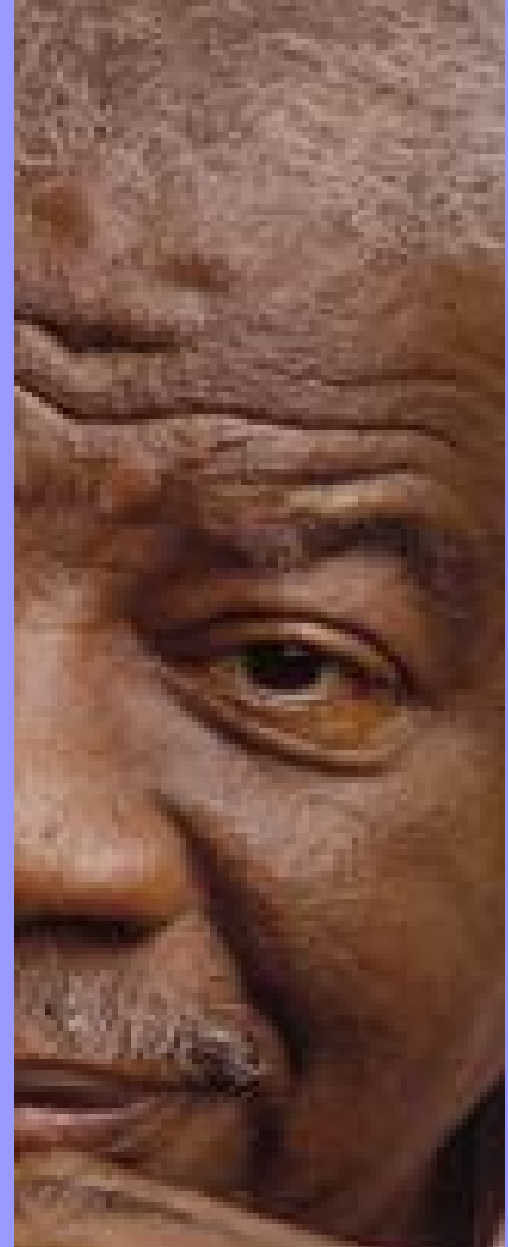
Brain Death Pronouncement

Goals:

- Prepare family, staff
- Timely declaration of death
- Notify family
- Maintain organ function
- Parallel planning to preserve family's donation opportunity



“The family are not just visitors to the ICU; they are an extension of our patient and therefore experience the process of care along with their loved ones.”



Alvarez, GF; Kirby, AS. The perspective of families of the critically ill patient: their needs [Ethical, legal and organizational issues in the intensive care unit]. *Current Opinion in Critical Care*; Volume 12(6), December 2006, p 614–618

Communicating with Families of Patients Who Have Died , or Are Facing Imminent Death, Requires:

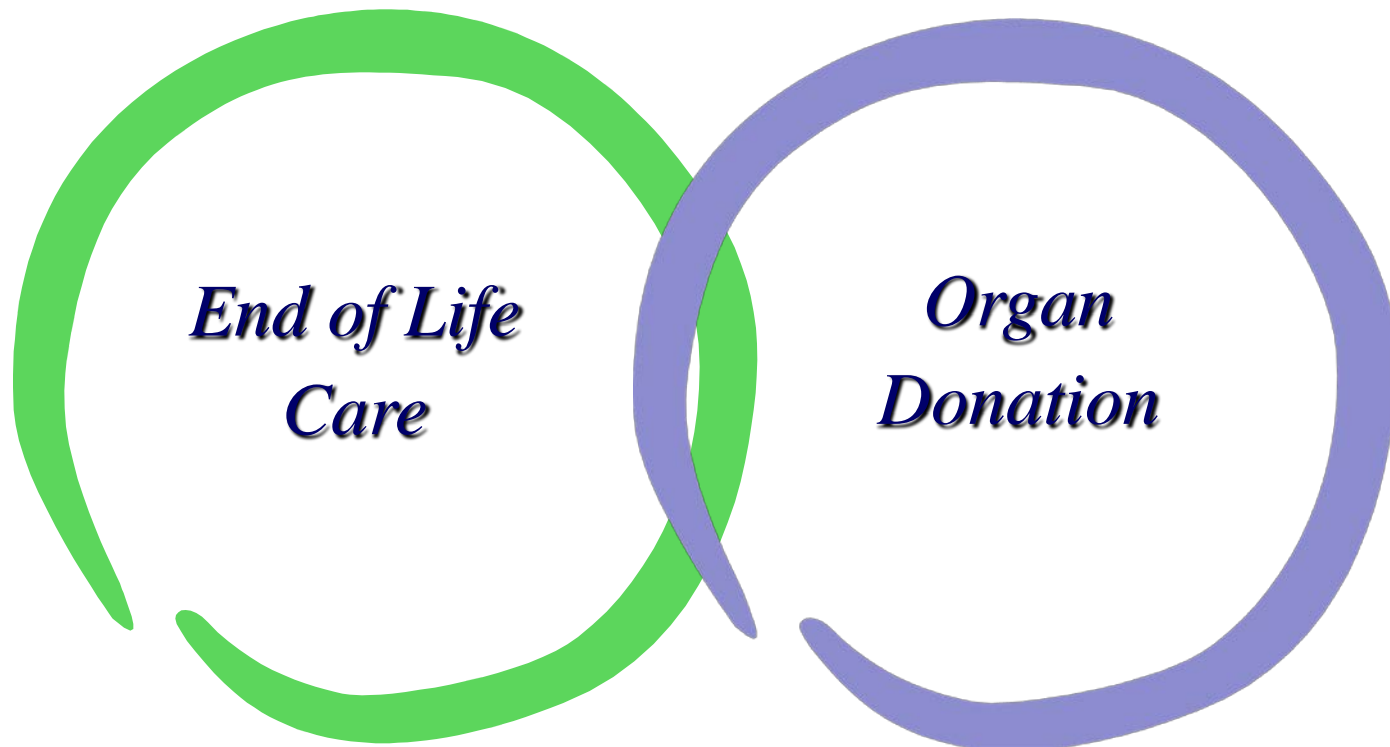
1. *Medical Expertise and Knowledge*
2. *Compassion and Concern*
3. *Experience*



Simulation Scenario Highlights

- **Patient:** Samantha Green
20 y/o student MVA
Admitted to ER GCS of 3
- **Family:** Laura Green (*Mother*) – *for female role-player*
Sarah Green (*Sister*)
- *Only parent present at hospital, has been at hospital since 0500 at bedside entire time*
- *Parent has received next to no information regarding daughter's condition / prognosis*

Compassionate End of Life Care and Organ Donation..... A Confluence of Interest



*...Supported by the Hospital Care Team
and the OPO Professional*