

Organ Donation after Cardiac Death - ICU (Otago)

This information advises Southern District Health Boards staff of the process to follow for potential donation of organs following cardiac death of an intensive care patient in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Dunedin Hospital.

Associated Policy: [Organ Donation in ICU / CCU \(District\)](#) (15815)

Clinical Guidelines

Clinical staff are required to consider the following:

1. Whenever an ICU patient is identified as a potential donor but is not brain dead, this document is to be followed.
2. All organ donation is undertaken via the ICU.
3. All resources, material, and contact numbers are held in the ICU.
4. Tissue donation is an option outside of the ICU. For further information, contact the charge nurse manager (CNM) in ICU or phone the donor co-ordinator at 0800 4 DONOR (0800 436 667).

Organ Donation New Zealand (ODNZ)

Further resources if required are available on:

- <http://odnzlink.donor.co.nz>
 - login: resources
 - password: 4donor

Associated Documents:

- [Organ Donation After Cardiac Death Checklist - ICU \(Otago\)](#) (68483)
- [Tikaka Best Practice - Organ and Tissue Donation](#) (25050)

References:

- Organ Donation New Zealand. (2013). *Organ and tissue donation: Best practice guidelines for NZ ICUs*. Auckland. [Available in the folder in the alcove filing system, ICU office.]

General Notes

Scope of Practice: Ensure you are fully qualified to perform the role specified in any document.

Deviations: If you need to deviate from any procedure, policy, or guideline, make notes and follow up.

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