

Organ Donation in ICU / CCU (District)

This policy outlines the potential donation of organs following brain death of a patient in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Dunedin Hospital and Critical Care Unit (CCU) Southland Hospital.

Policy Applies to

This policy is for all nursing and medical staff employed by Southern District Health Board (Southern DHB) working in ICU at Dunedin Hospital and CCU at Southland Hospital, including full-time and part-time workers, as well as students and contacted clinical personnel.

Policy Statements

Whenever an ICU / CCU patient may be a potential donor, the reference document 'Guidelines for Organ and Tissue Donation' (in the 'Organ Donation' folder) is to be followed.

All organ donation is undertaken via the ICU / CCU.

All resources, material, and contact numbers are held in the ICU / CCU.

Tissue donation is an option outside of the ICU / CCU. For further information, please contact the charge nurse manager (CNM) in ICU / CCU or phone the donor co-ordinator 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 - ICU \(Otago\) \(71298\)](#)
- [Organ Donation after Cardiac Death Checklist - ICU \(Otago\) \(68483\)](#)
- [Tikaka Best Practice - Organ and Tissue Donation \(25050\)](#)
- [Care of the Dying Patient in the ICU \(Otago\) \(15820\)](#)
- [Notification of Organ Donation Patient \(Southland\) \(70136\)](#)

References:

- Organ Donation New Zealand. (2011). *Organ and tissue donation: Best practice guidelines for NZ ICUs*. Auckland. Available in:
 - ICU - in the organ donation folder, stored in the alcove filing system
 - CCU - in the organ donation folder, stored on the book case at the staff station

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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