



Family Readiness Assessment for Organ Donation Discussions

Goal: Recognize cues from a family, given a grave or terminal prognosis, that indicate a notification to Lifeline of Ohio should be made. This allows families the opportunity to have a timely discussion with Lifeline of Ohio regarding donation opportunities while planning for end of life. (Only trained Lifeline of Ohio staff should discuss donation with families).

Indicators that identify the family is ready for an interaction with Lifeline of Ohio (soft cues):

<p>Family is saying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loved one wouldn't want to live on a ventilator.• We or I can't see loved one like this anymore.• Language about their loved one in the past tense, example; "I remember when..."• Sharing the poor prognosis with other relatives or friends at the hospital or over the phone.• Language related to the possibility of ending life supporting treatment.	<p>Family is asking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps?• What happens if everything is stopped?• Will loved one have a meaningful recovery?• For additional visitation time to say goodbye.• To call family from out of town.• For a Chaplain, palliative care or hospice.• For financial assistance related to end-of-life planning.• About funeral arrangements.• More questions about comfort care than treatment.• To meet with the doctors for information on end-of-life treatment options.
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Call **Lifeline of Ohio** with new updates regarding the plan of care or well in advance of discussion with the family when:

- Any of the above indicators are recognized.
- The physician's care plan is exhausted.
- A palliative care or hospice meeting is mentioned.
- When the clinical picture indicates the patient may be getting ready to herniate.
- Donation has been mentioned.

*****Your collaboration ensures each family is not rushed in having an informed conversation regarding donation opportunities.***

Lifeline of Ohio Donor Referral Line: **1-877-B-A-DONOR (223-6667)**