

Expedited Case Progression

Information for Hospital Staff



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FAMILY DECISION

Family decides to move forward with organ donation but wants it completed in a shorter timeframe (from 4-24 hours) than typical.

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CASE START HUDDLE

Once additional Lifeline of Ohio staff arrive on-site, a huddle takes place to discuss next steps. Refer to “Expedited DCD Orders Set” and “DCD Roles – Guide to the DCD Process” in our Hospital Partner Toolkit.

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DONATION EVALUATION

The Lifeline of Ohio Organ Recovery Coordinator gives hospital staff a list of orders that need to be placed and reviews possible procedure needs. Bloodwork for serology/tissue typing is drawn as usual. Coroner status is determined as soon as possible.

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SCHEDULING

Lifeline of Ohio staff confirm OR time. For DCD cases, we confirm declaring physician availability and verify the number of people that can be present for withdrawal.

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HONOR WALK **OPTIONAL*

An Honor Walk is a ceremony honoring the generosity of the donor and supporting the donor’s family. The donor hospital coordinates to ensure safety/privacy protocols are followed.

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SURGICAL RECOVERY

Lifeline of Ohio’s Surgical Recovery Specialist team arrives 45 min. to 1 hr. prior to surgery to assist with room set-up and answer OR staff questions. Surgical recovery follows as scheduled. Based on timeline, allocation may occur post-recovery.

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FAMILY FOLLOW-UP

Six weeks after donation, the Lifeline of Ohio Aftercare team sends information to the donor family about the gifts given and ways to honor their loved one. Support is tailored to each family.

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HOSPITAL FOLLOW-UP

The Lifeline of Ohio Donation Program Coordinator provides a donor outcome letter to the care team and works with the hospital liaison to debrief the donation process, capturing feedback to improve practices.