

End of Life Decisions about Organ and Tissue Donation in a Hospice Setting.

Chart 1: FOR STAFF (patient lucid and can make decisions)

Patient/family has enquired about Organ/Tissue Donation; please give them the leaflets/information about any options that may interest them initially. Please see reference guide for more information about all the following options. This is just a brief guide.

Option A.

Organ Donation (only 1 % of the population die in the right circumstances for donation) TEL: 0300 123 23 23
Generally patients cannot be an Organ donor if they have/had: Cancer, CJD, HIV, HEP B. In order to donate an organ, the donor will need to be ventilated, without sepsis and taken to theatre very shortly after death has been declared.

Option B.

Tissue Donation (for Therapeutic use). e.g. Corneas, heart valves, skin, tendons. There are lots of rules regarding who can donate tissues and the Referral Centre are the experts. TEL: 0800 432 0559. (Answerphone after 9pm). Because this is not classified as a 'life- saving' donation, they are very strict about making sure the people who receive these tissue are not put at any risk. In general the following guidelines apply but please check if you are unsure. A patient cannot donate if they have:
Any malignancy (except a localised brain or cervix tumour)
Any haematological cancer (e.g. leukaemia) even if it has been successfully treated.
Any neurodegenerative condition. e.g. Parkinson's/Dementia/Alzheimers etc
Any systemic infection. HIV/CJD/Hep B.

Option C. –Unavailable for the foreseeable future, hoping to restart Project in 2020

Tissue Donation for Biomedical Research – Ethical Tissue. (University of Bradford)
99% of people can donate (HIV and CJD are restricted) Many types of tissue can be donated, only small amounts.(matchbox size). Donor can choose what to donate, must be NOK who signs consent form. If patient is unable or unwilling to donate organs or tissues, (as above) this is a very good alternative. All tissue taken will be put into ground breaking research in life limiting diseases. There are no charges and no delays to funeral. The family can receive further information on the research projects they have helped if desired. Everything is organised by Ethical tissue, they just need to be informed after the death has occurred. There is up to 72 hr to retrieve the tissues.

Option D.

Bequeathal of whole body to Leeds Anatomy School TEL: 0113 3434297
Body is kept for roughly 3 years, and then cremated at no cost to relatives. This is the ONLY option whereby the donor must consent before death. There are various restrictions to donation including:
If they need a post mortem/have any cuts/open wounds or bed sores. Are morbidly obese/deformed/ jaundiced or have P.V.D. Please note: they will not accept donations if they are at capacity.

Cheat Sheets.

Option A. **If the patient does not die within ICU (ie ventilated) in hospital this option is not available.**

Organ Donation. Cannot be an Organ Donor if patient has sepsis or cancer which has spread.

TEL: 0300 123 23 23 Next of Kin must consent **after** the death.

Option B. Very strict inclusion criteria as it is not a 'life saving' procedure.

Tissue Donation for Therapeutic use.(NHSBT) Cannot donate if has any malignancy (except localised brain or cervical tumour)

Any haematological cancer. (even if has been successfully treated)

Any neurodegenerative disease (eg parkinsons/alzheimers.

Tel: 0800 4320559

Any systemic infection

Next of Kin must consent **after** the death.

Option C.

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*Tissue
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*(Ethical Tissue
@ University
of Bradford)*

Option D.

Patient must consent to this **prior to death**. Forms are available from the Anatomy school.

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Call number as soon as patient dies to see if they will accept. Strict criteria for acceptance. No deformities/abnormalities. No open wounds/bedsores etc.

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They will not accept body donation if they are full (16 spaces).
