



Tissue & Eye Donation Referral Information for Medical Examiners



Refer every death, every time

IDN 24 Hour Referral Line: 800-831-4131

Purpose of Referral Call: Medical Examiners refer all deaths to Iowa Donor Network (IDN) when death occurs outside of the hospital setting to determine decedent's candidacy for donation.

The Referral Call:

Timely referral call to 800-831-4131 from ME/MEI is within 1-3 hours of death notification

- The earlier the referral, the more likely we can preserve the opportunity of donation

Contact IDN before releasing to the funeral home

Contact IDN before topic of donation is broached with the family

Estimated length of referral call is 5-10 minutes

The Donation Specialist will ask for the following information: IDN is HIPPA Exempt

- ME demographics
 - Decedent demographics
 - Cause of death, if known
 - Decedent medical history
 - Next-of-kin information
 - Autopsy information
 - Funeral home information
 - Location of decedent
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After the Referral Call:

- If the decedent is a candidate for donation, IDN will secure release from the Medical Examiner
- IDN will contact NOK to discuss the option of donation
- Staff may be asked to place ice on the body and document what time cooling begins

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