



Donation Guide for Hospice and Long-term Care

Hospice and long-term care healthcare providers play a crucial role in tissue and eye donation. You have the power to ensure that your patient has the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy through the gift of donation.

Education & Resources For Healthcare Providers: Iowa Donor Network (IDN) offers free continuing education and informational resources. Call 800-831-4131 or visit www.iowaDonorNetwork.org for more information.

Donation Information for Patients and Families:

- Upon admission, offer donation resources to your patient and family.
 - Education can occur during the psychosocial assessment, at the time of death with the patient's family, or any other opportunity the care team feels is appropriate.
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Notifying IDN of a Patient Death:

Notify IDN of all patient deaths within 1 hour of time of death | 800-831-4131

- Healthcare professionals may disclose protected health information to IDN under HIPAA section 164.512

Contact IDN prior to releasing the patient to the funeral home

- IDN coordinates directly with the funeral home if donation occurs

During the notification call, you may be asked for the following information:

- Your name, agency and phone number
 - Patient demographics
 - Patient medical history
 - Medications/interventions
 - Next-of-Kin information
 - Funeral home information
 - Location of patient
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Donation Process:

- IDN will contact next-of-kin to discuss the opportunity for donation
- If patient or family authorizes donation, staff may be asked to fax the patient's medical record to IDN at their earliest convenience
- Staff may be asked to initiate cooling measures by placing double-bagged ice on the patient
- IDN will coordinate with the funeral home of the family's choice