



Tissue and Eye Donation Information for Hospitals Working with Funeral Homes

This form is to serve as a guide to ensure the collaboration between Iowa Donor Network (IDN), hospital staff, and funeral directors successfully meets the goals of individuals and families that wish to donate organs and/or tissues after death. Mutual support and recognition of each other's role is imperative to serving individual and family wishes throughout the donation process.

Hospital Death Notification:

- Notify IDN within 1 hour of patient death AND before notifying the funeral home.
 - IDN will assess donation candidacy and update the hospital of the donation status
 - Notify funeral home (FH) of patient death according to hospital policy.
 - If donation status has not been determined and the FH is being notified of the death, please inform the FH that the body is NOT ready to be picked up.
 - If it has been determined that donation will NOT occur, the hospital can notify the FH that the body is ready to be picked up.
 - If donation will occur, IDN will communicate directly with the FH to make arrangements for the body to be picked up unless the recovery will occur at the hospital.
 - If the FH arrives at the hospital to pick up the body and the status of donation is still pending, the FH can make the removal. Please notify IDN **immediately** that removal has been made so that IDN can contact the FH.
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How to Assist Funeral Directors

- Place head block or pillow under decedent's head to prevent fluid pooling.
 - Transport body to morgue or double bag and place ice as requested by Iowa Donor Network and document when cooling time is initiated. (Reference Guide to Cooling)
 - Lower the foot of the bed/table if possible to prevent pooling of fluids.
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IDN 24-Hour Notification Line: 800-831-4131

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