NEVADA DONOR NETWORK

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DONATION AT A GLANCE

Hospital refers patient to NDN

NDN :
- Evaluates for suitability by phone or onsite
- Reviews medical record

MD performs brain death testing

Is patient brain dead?

YES → MD writes brain death note, requests apnea test & completes brain death checklist.

NO → Is patient a candidate for DCD?

NO → NDN asks hospital to call if any decline in neuro status or within 1 hour of cardiac time of death.

YES → NDN approaches family and obtains authorization

NDN :
- Notifies coroner on all cases
- Completes physical assessment
- Draws blood
- Sends blood sample to outside lab for serologic testing; turn-around time approx. 16 hrs
- Orders antibiotics
- Requests cardiology & pulmonology work-up
- Reviews donor management goals with hospital staff
- Recovers lymph nodes
- Orders blood products if needed

- For DCD donors, patient remains under the care of a physician
- For brain death donors, patient is readmitted under NDN

Tests, Procedures & Medications Needed

Cardiology
- EKG
- 2D Echo/TEE
- Cardiac catheterization

Radiology
- CXR
- CT
- Bronchoscopy
- CT or ultrasound guided liver biopsy

Microbiology/Labratory
- Blood culture
- Urine culture
- Sputum culture & gram stain
- CBC
- Urinalysis
- Complete metabolic profile

Blood Bank
- Blood products

Pharmacy
- Antibiotics
- Pressors
- Levothyroxine
- Heparin

Allocation
- NDN enters patient info UNET, a centralized network maintained by UNOS
- Donor is matched with potential recipients on the waiting list
- NDN makes offers locally, regionally, then nationally
- Additional tests may be required by the transplant center prior to accepting

Factors that affect ranking on the wait list include:
- Tissue match
- Blood type
- Length of time on the waiting list
- Immune status
- Distance between the potential recipient & donor
- Degree of medical urgency (for heart, liver, lung & intestines)

Recovery
- NDN coordinates with the hospital to schedule the OR
- Transplant center that accepts each organ sends their transplant surgeon for recovery
- Tissue & ocular recovery follow organ recovery

Post-Recovery
- Body release form is completed
- NDN notifies hospital staff that recovery is complete
- Hospital staff contacts funeral home for transport