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# FORMING A DONOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Increasing organ and tissue donation rates requires constant monitoring of your hospital's donation process and working collaboratively with Nevada Donor Network. To ensure a donation process that clearly defines roles and responsibilities and provides an avenue for feedback, Nevada Donor Network recommends that your hospital form a Donor Council Committee with representatives from all departments involved in the donation process. By partnering with Nevada Donor Network, your committee can develop a system that provides donation education, early identification of potential donors, timely referral, supportive family discussion and ongoing support to ensure a successful donation process for all potential organ and tissue donors.

The Donor Council Committee's success hinges on including both individuals with authority to effect change and staff who have firsthand familiarity with day-to-day operations. To ensure appropriate management and staff representation, Nevada Donor Network recommends that you consider the following areas of specialization when forming your Donor Council Committee:

- Anesthesia
- Critical Care
- Community Services
- Ethics
- Hospital Education
- ICU Physicians and Nurses
- Marketing and Public Relations
- Operations
- Palliative Care
- Pastoral Care
- Quality and Risk Management
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Services
- Surgical Services
- Nevada Donor Network Hospital Services Liaison and Hospital Services Educator

## Your Donor Council Committee can help you by:

- Establishing and promoting a culture of accountability, quality, and excellence
- Reviewing and recommending changes to organ and tissue donation policies
- Ensuring compliance with policies and state and federal legislation and regulations
- Monitoring donation outcomes and performance
- Identifying opportunities for donation process improvement
- Providing donation-related education programs in collaboration with Nevada Donor Network
- Promoting local and national donation focused events together with your Nevada Donor Network representative

For more information on forming a Donor Council Committee or about its scope and purpose, contact your Nevada Donor Network Hospital Services Educator at 855-NVDONOR.