



Tissue & Eye Donation Referral Information for Hospice & Long-Term Care



Purpose of Referral Call: Refer all deaths to Iowa Donor Network (IDN) to determine patient's candidacy for donation

Education & Resources: IDN offers free continuing education and informational resources for all health care providers. Call 800-831-4131 or visit www.iadn.org for more information.

Donation and Family:

- Upon admission, offer donation resources to 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

The Referral Call: IDN is HIPPA Exempt

Timely referral call to 800-831-4131 within 1 hour from time-of-death

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

Contact IDN before releasing to the funeral home

- IDN coordinates directly with the funeral home if donation occurs

The Donation Specialist on the phone may ask for the following information:

- Your agency demographics
- Patient demographics
- Patient medical history
- Condition of the body
- Medications/interventions
- Next-of-Kin information
- Funeral home information

If Next-of-Kin authorizes donation:

- IDN will contact Next-of-Kin to discuss the option of donation
- Staff will be asked to fax the patient's medical record to IDN
- Staff may be asked to place ice (double bagged) on the patient and document the time that it was placed
- IDN will coordinate with the funeral home of the family's choice

For more information visit:
WWW.IADN.ORG