

Appendix J

Guidelines for EMS Provider Initiating Organ & Tissue Donation At the Scene of the Deceased

1. All appropriate patient care protocols will be enacted to assure patient care is provided according to prevailing standards.
2. If resuscitation efforts are unsuccessful or if upon arrival the patient is deceased and without indications to initiate resuscitation, then on-line medical direction will be contacted to confirm that no further medical care is to be given.
3. As per Iowa Code 142C.7 a medical examiner or a medical examiner's designee, peace officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical care provider may release an individual's information to an organ procurement organization, donor registry, or bank or storage organization to determine if the individual is a donor.
4. As per Iowa Code 142C.7 any information regarding a patient, including the patient's identity, however, constitutes confidential medical information and under any other circumstances is prohibited from disclosure without the written consent of the patient or the patient's legal representative.
5. At least one EMS provider should remain at the scene until the appropriate authority (medical examiner, funeral home, public safety, etc.) is present.
6. Contact IOWA DONOR NETWORK at 800-831-4131

**This information is located in Appendix J of*

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