



Little Booklet

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Gift of Life “GOL” Annual Training December 6th, 2010

All RN Staff are required to review this booklet and complete the post-test. Please return your completed quiz to your manager or myself by January 14th, 2011. If you have any questions contact Sue Vollmar at sue.vollmar@irmc.org or 975-7355.

Short and sweet key points:

Why do I have to call in a death? All deaths must be reported to GOL within 60 min. regardless of the patient's age, medical condition, or a medical examiner's involvement. Anyone can make the call.

Gift of Life evaluates all deaths for potential tissue donation. Some people have designated their wishes to become organ and tissue donors at the time of their death. We strive to make their last wish happen if medically suitable. All deaths are also reported to the federal government.

When do I call Gift of Life Michigan for Organ Donation referrals? Within **60 minutes** of patient meeting triggers (vented, neuro injury, imminent death, **terminal wean/ potential terminal wean discussion**). We review charts of expired patients to determine timeliness, who made the call and if late, who should've made the call.

Can I talk to the family about donation? **NO.** IRMC is on the LIFE program (Loss Intervention Following Expiration) and the only appropriate requester's are Gift of Life staff.

What about HIPAA? Organ procurement agencies are written into the HIPAA law as appropriate agencies to obtain information for the possibility of organ and tissue donation.

What if the family asks me about donation? Tell them you will contact someone who will be able to answer their questions and call 1-800-482-4881. Gift of Life screeners will either send someone out or talk to them over the phone. Give family the Gift of Life laminated card.

My patient is too sick to be a donor. Why do I have to call him in to Gift of Life? Don't rule anyone out! There may be a perfect match for someone on the waiting list. Or you might be right, but the role of the hospital is to make the call and let Gift of Life decide.

How many people are on the waiting list? In Michigan, about 3000 people are on the waiting list for a life saving organ. Of those people, 2500 are waiting for a kidney. Nationally, the waiting list is 109,000.

I'm on the Michigan Donor Registry if I signed the back of my driver's license, right? Since 2008, there is an electronic donor registry maintained by the Secretary of State's office. If you have a heart on the front of your license (above your photo), you are on the electronic donor registry. If you don't have a heart on your license and would like to be on the donor registry, please go to www.giftoflifemichigan.org -> Become a Donor -> How did you hear about...-> Hospital -> Ingham Regional Medical Center