

# ORGAN DONATION OVERVIEW

Essential Information for Healthcare Professionals



# WHO SERVICES MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL?

- Southwest Transplant Alliance

- Organ and Tissue Procurement Organization

- Lions Eye Bank

- Eye and cornea Procurement organization

**Telephone: 1-800-201-0527**

(All referrals call the same number)



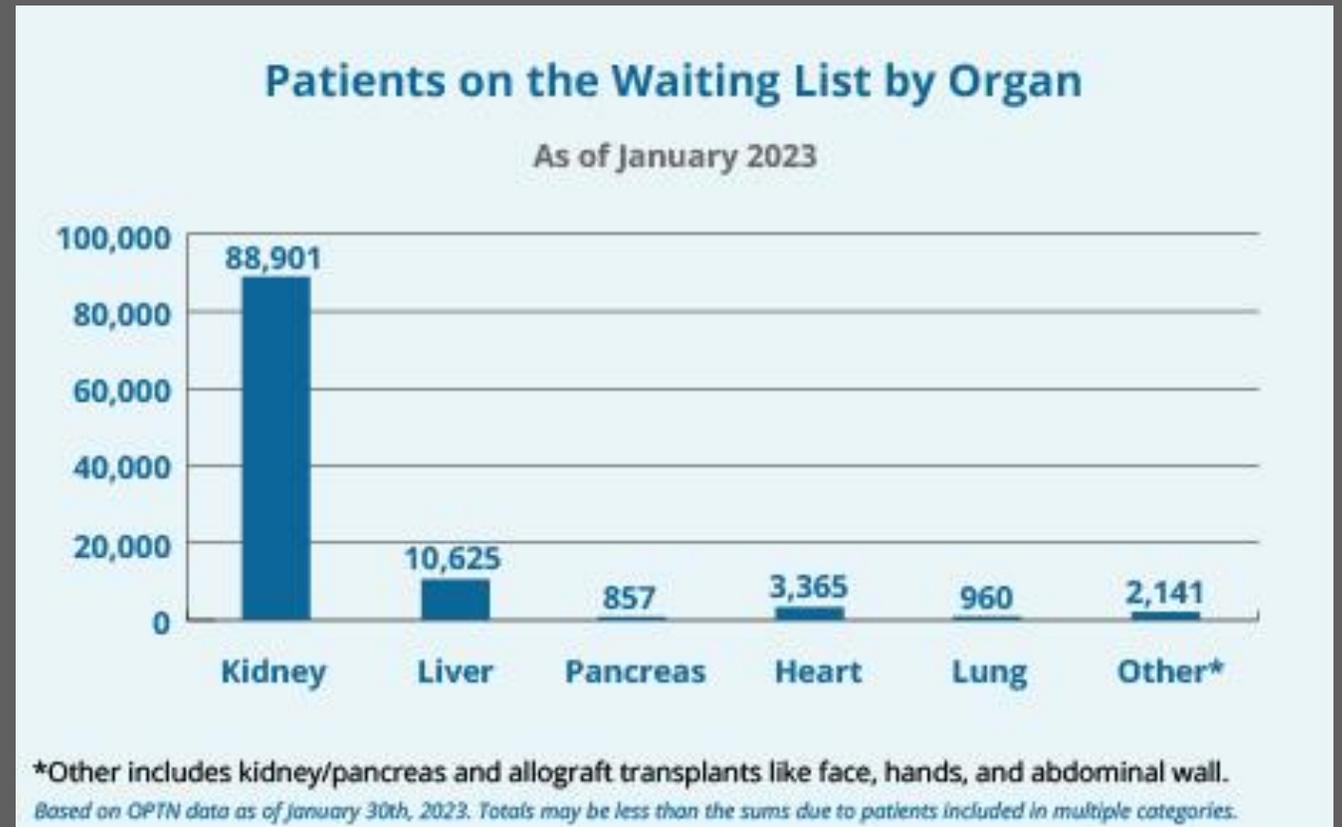
# MAJOR LEGISLATION

- 1998 CMS Conditions of Participation
  - Hospitals must have a contract with the Donor Agencies
  - All cardiac deaths (and imminent deaths) must be called into the designated 800 number
  - Donor Agency personnel are the only ones who can determine medical suitability
  - If the patient is medically suitable, the family *must* be given the option of donation
  - Only Donor Agency staff, or those trained and certified by Donor Agencies, are to approach families.
- 2009 UAGA (Uniform Anatomical Gift Act) (state law), codified into law many of the CMS regulations.
  - Noteworthy changes:
    - Hospitals must continue to medically maintain patient while being evaluated for donation
    - Hospitals must have a Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) policy
    - Redefined the legal-next-of-kin hierarchy



# ORGAN DONATION STATISTICS

- Every 10 minutes, someone is added to the transplant waiting list
- One organ donor can SAVE 8 Lives and ENHANCE 75 more



# WHEN TO CALL:



## Organ Donation Referrals

### VENTILATOR-DEPENDENT PATIENTS

with a

“Terminal or Irreversible Diagnosis”  
meeting **ANY** of the following

- A loss of one or more brainstem reflexes
- Anticipated permanent critical care needs
- Planned end-of-life discussions and/or DNR order in place

Call within **ONE HOUR** of meeting criteria

24-hour referral line:

**800-201-0527**



## Eye & Tissue Donation Referrals

Call within

**60  
minutes**

to report cardiac  
time of death.

24-hour referral line:

**800-201-0527**

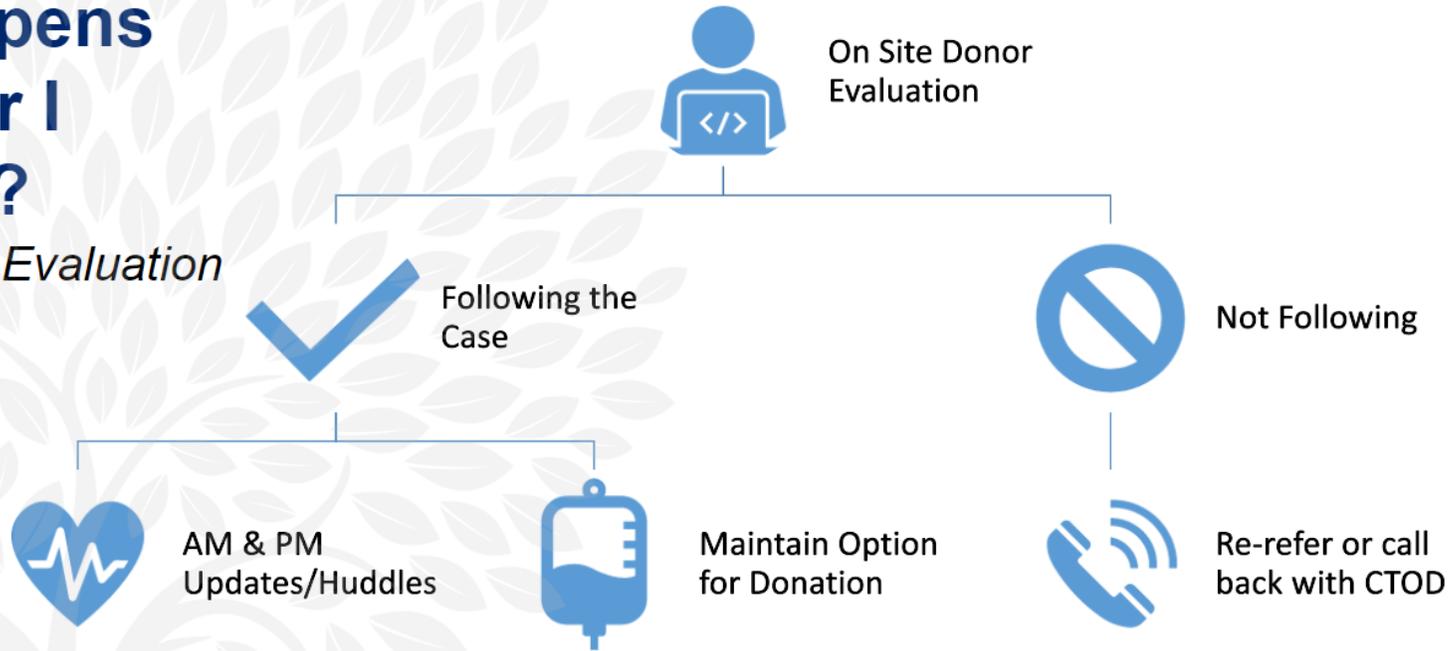
*EVERY PATIENT DEATH IN THE FACILITY REQUIRES A REFERRAL*



# STA PROCESS

## What Happens After I Call?

*Donor Evaluation*



You will receive a reference number when you initially call, this number should be saved and written down for future use.

# TYPES OF ORGAN DONATION:

## Brain Dead Donor

### Declaration of brain death

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- STA becomes primary service
- STA maintains the donor
- Patient is on ventilator until organs are recovered
- OR happens at STA Legacy Center pending stability or pediatric cases

## DCD Donor

### No long-term prognosis for recovery from injury/illness; cannot survive without life-saving therapies

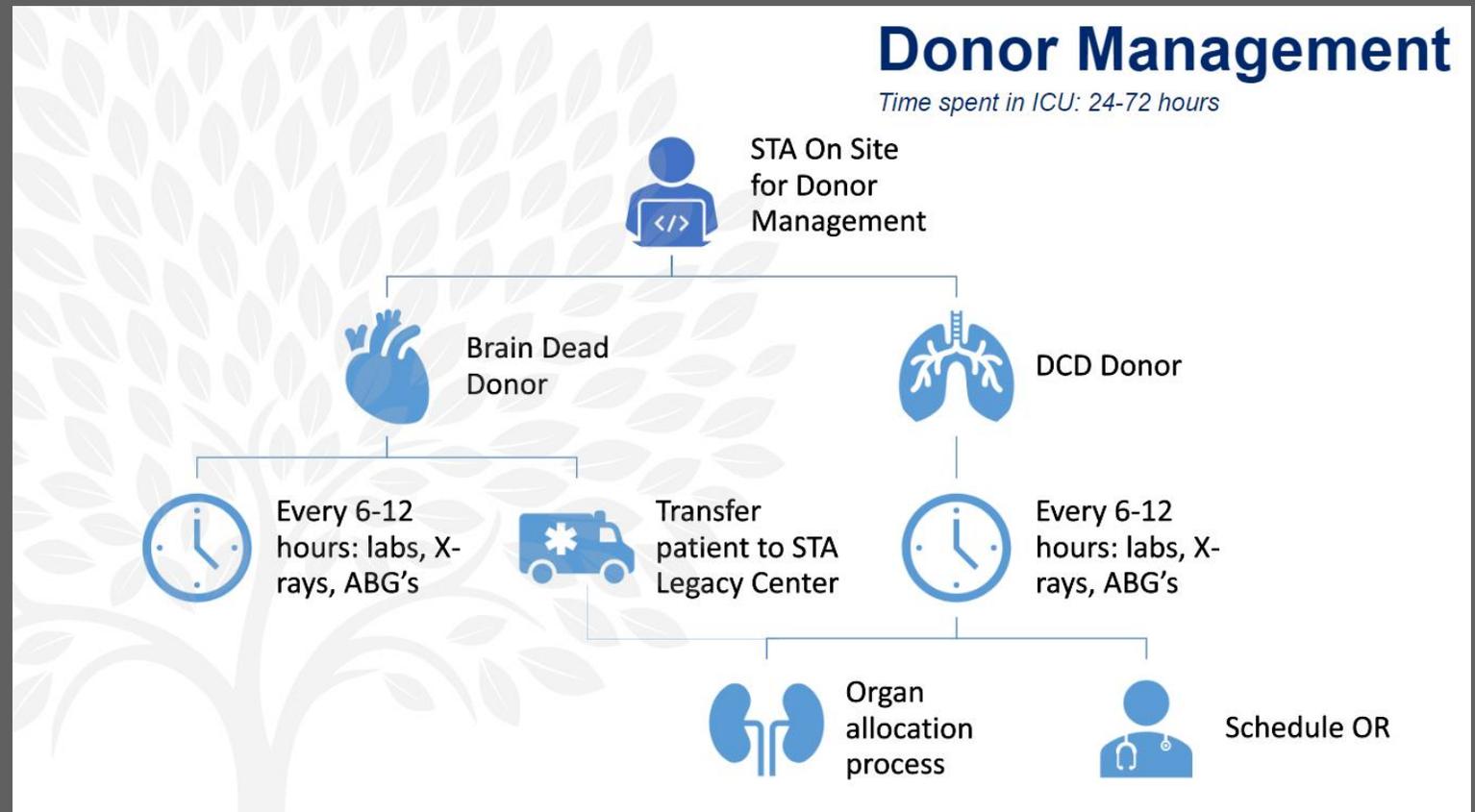
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- Family elects to withdraw ventilated support
- Patient remains under hospital care; STA becomes a consult for treatment
- Withdrawal of support happens in the OR
- Circulatory death is declared by a physician or 2 nurses pending hospital policy
- Transplant team begins organ recovery 2-5 minutes after declaration of death

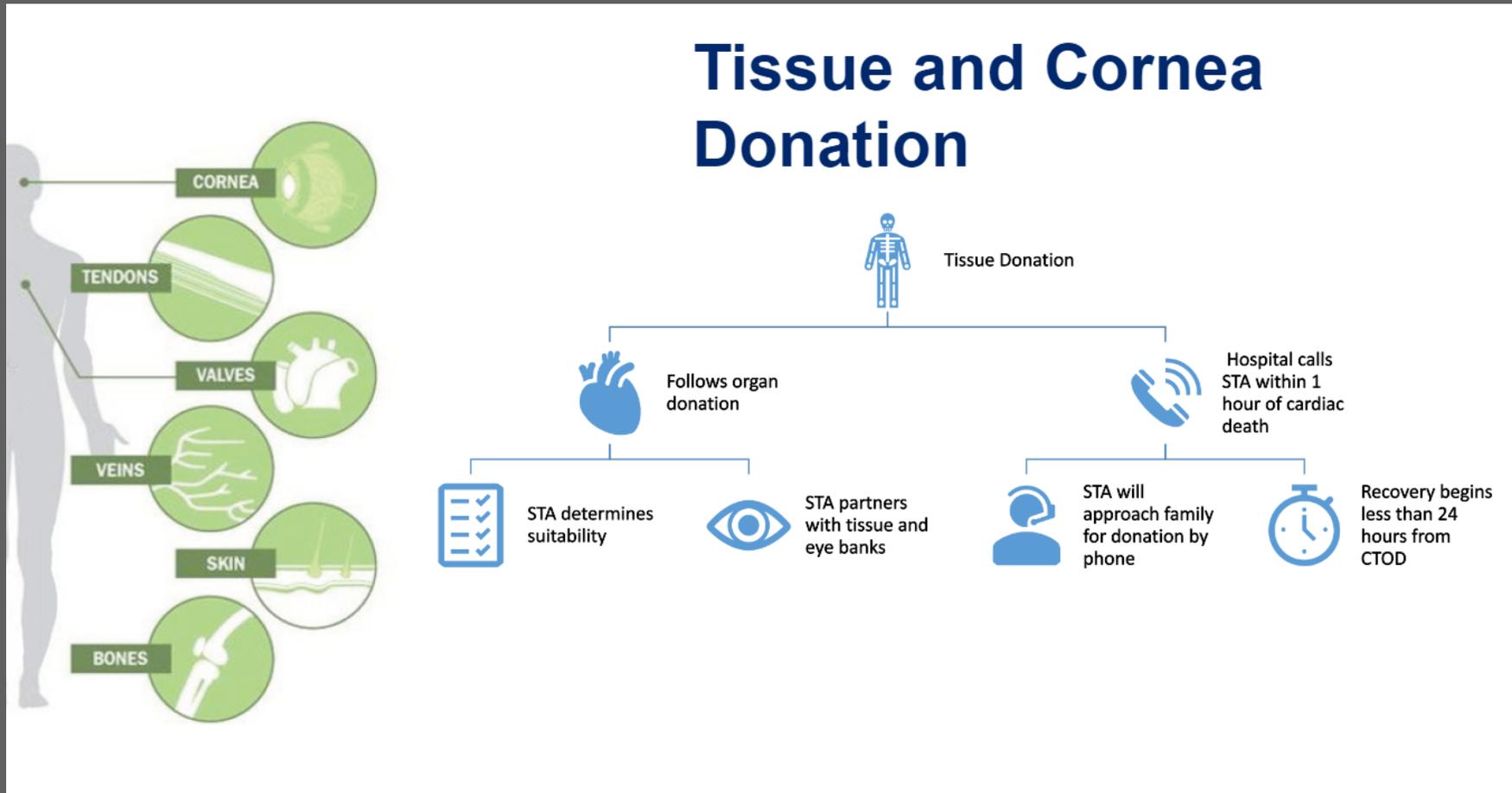
# PROCESS OF DONATION

## What can be donated?

- Heart
- Lungs
- Liver
- Kidneys
- Pancreas/islet cells
- Small bowel



# TISSUE/EYE DONATION



REGISTER TO BE A DONOR TODAY!

[www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org)

OR

Department of Public Safety



DEAR DONOR FAMILY,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR THE SELFLESS GIFT OF TISSUE DONATION FROM YOUR LOVED ONE. I AM SINCERELY SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THE POSITIVE IMPACT YOUR GENEROUS DECISION HAS MADE ON ME. I HAVE PLAYED SOCCER EVER SINCE I WAS THREE YEARS OLD UP UNTIL I TORE MY ACL THIS PAST SUMMER. BECAUSE OF THE TRANSPLANT, I WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO PLAY SOCCER & DO OTHER THINGS LIKE HIKE & JUST WALK AROUND WITHOUT FEAR THAT MY KNEE WILL GIVE OUT AGAIN. I MAY EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO PLAY ON MY COLLEGE'S WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM! I HOPE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO FIND SOME COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT YOUR LOVED ONE HAS HELPED TO RESTORE ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE. MY FAMILY & I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROSITY & KINDNESS THAT YOU & YOUR LOVED ONE HAVE SHOWN.

THANK YOU,  
KATHLEEN

