

Maintaining a successful donation program while providing the best possible care for your potential donors and donor families requires continuous monitoring of your hospital's donation process and working collaboratively with Iowa Donor Network (IDN). To ensure the donation process clearly defines roles, responsibilities and provides an avenue for feedback, IDN recommends that your hospital forms a donation committee. By partnering with IDN, your committee can develop a system that provides donation education, early identification of potential donors, timely referral practices, supportive family discussion and ongoing support to ensure a successful donation process for all potential organ and tissue donors.

The success of a donation committee hinges on including representatives from multiple departments, individuals with authority to effect change and staff who have firsthand familiarity with day-to-day operations and the donation process. To ensure appropriate management and staff representation, IDN recommends that you consider the following areas of specialization when forming your donation 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
- Iowa Donor Network Hospital Services Liaison or Coordinator

### Your Donation 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 IDN
- Promoting local and national donation focused events together with your IDN representative

For more information on forming a donation committee or about its scope and purpose, contact your IDN representative at 800-831-4131.