


**GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL**

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TITLE: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION/TRANSPLANTATION				
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PURPOSE

To provide patients the opportunity to donate organ/tissues for transplantation purposes. To establish guidelines for the identification and referral of organ/tissue donors to organ procurement organizations of tissue banks.

POLICY

1. GMHA respects the wishes of patients who donate organs/tissues.
2. Neither transplantation nor harvesting of organ/tissue for transplant is performed at GMHA.
3. Patient/Family is responsible for making the arrangements with the organ procurement organization or tissue bank for donating suitable organs/tissue.
4. Costs for services related to identification of suitable organ tissue donors is the responsibility of the organ procurement organization or tissue bank.
5. Patient information may be released according to GMHA's policies & procedures.
6. Patient transfers for organ/tissue donations are not covered under GMHA's Patient Transfer Guidelines.

PROCEDURE

1. Patient/Family is informed of their option to donate organs/tissues upon admission.
2. Patients and family may call or write an organ procurement organization of tissue or tissue bank regarding their desire to donate organs/tissues.
3. The process of identification of suitable organ/tissue donors is initiated which may include, consultation between the organ procurement organization or tissue bank, attending physician and the patient/family and the conducting of preliminary tests upon order of the attending physician.
4. If the attending physician is consulted and/or conducts tests pertaining to organ/tissue donation, the attending physician documents the appropriate information in the patient's Medical record.
5. Requested patient information/records are released according to policies & procedures of GMHA.

6. Upon identification of suitable organs/tissues, donor patients are discharged from GMHA.
7. Patients/family and the organ procurement organizations or tissue banks are responsible for arranging patient transfers to another facility to harvest donated organ/tissues.

RESCISSIONS

Policy 6301-II A-9, *Organ and Tissue Donation/Transplantation* of the GMHA Nursing Services Manual made effective November 20, 1991.

Policy 6301-6, *Organ and Tissue Donation/Transplantation* of the GMHA Administrative Manual made effective November 20, 1991.

