

# COVID-19 and Organ Donation

(Updates as of 4/1/2020)

Please know that all of us at **Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network (FLDRN)** want to thank all of you for caring for those who are, or may be, infected with COVID-19.

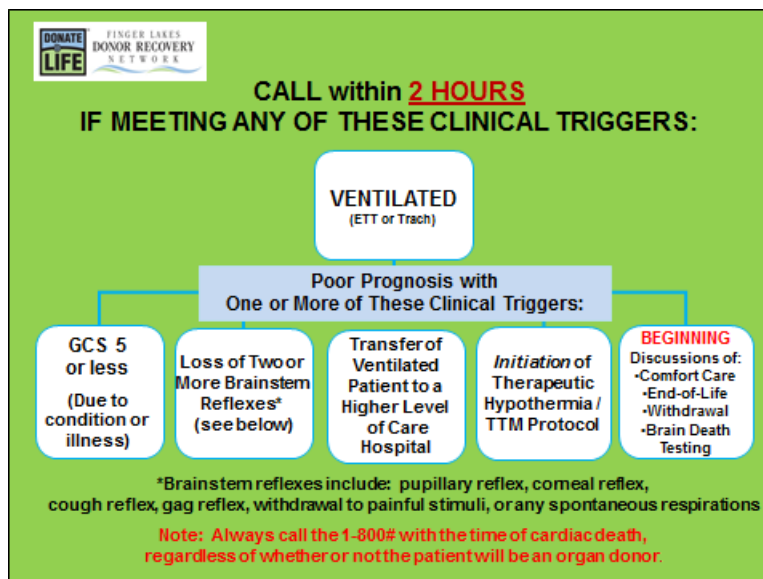
**We offer our deepest gratitude, and salute you all!**

## Things to know:

- ♥ **Organ donation and transplantation *IS STILL* being done!**
- ♥ FLDRN has, in fact, recovered organs from a donor just this past week
- ♥ Organ transplantation is life-saving, and is **NOT** considered an elective surgery
- ♥ There are still ~900 people in our local region who remain on the waiting list

**Please continue making timely referrals!**

The clinical triggers are still the same, regardless of the suspected illness.



- 1) FLDRN is limiting onsite visits to hospitals by our clinical staff until it is necessary for us to be there. Until an organ donation case is close to moving forward, we will be in touch by phone and through remote access.
- 2) The transplant community has made it clear that COVID-19 testing and a chest CT is needed on all donors to safeguard transplantation.  
**Therefore, FLDRN will be facilitating COVID-19 testing on ALL our donor cases**
- 3) Transplant Centers are presently following stricter guidelines for determining a potential donor, and may be declining patients that we would not have declined prior to this pandemic. Again, please continue to refer all patients meeting the new clinical triggers in a timely manner (within 2 hours of meeting clinical triggers).