



ABSTRACT

Health and Family Welfare Department - Non-Transplant centers - Criteria for non-transplant centers to retrieve organs from brain dead persons - Detailed instructions - Orders issued.

Health and Family Welfare (Z1) Department

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Read:

G.O.(Ms) No.289

- 1) G.O.(Ms) No.6, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 8.1.2008.
- 2) G.O.(Ms) No.75 Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 3.3.2008.
- 3) G.O.(Ms) No. 287 Health and Family Welfare department, dated. 5,9,2008.

Order:

The successes of organ transplantation and it being the only treatment for end stage organ disease has led to its widespread application. Aware of the life saving potential of organ transplantation, the Government is committed to streamlining the procedures for co-ordinating organ transplantation in Tamil Nadu. In the light of the current situation of availability of donor organs not meeting the need for them, leading to a severe shortage of available donor organs, efficacious donor management and meticulous co-ordination is crucial in maintaining excellent outcomes in organ transplantation.

There is, at present, no established procedure or guideline to deal with situations that arise when brain deaths occur in hospitals in the state that are not registered under The Transplantation of Human Organs Act,1994 (THO Act) even when the families of the brain dead persons wish or consent to donate the organs of their deceased family member. It is therefore imperative to permit organs to be retrieved when there is a willingness to donate organs at those centers which have the facilities to maintain brain dead deceased donors, so that more lives of organ failure patients can be saved. Considering the fact that a large number of brain deaths occur in non-transplant hospitals the Appropriate Authority shall take the initiative to register those hospitals that fulfill the following conditions as "Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers".

The following orders are issued in the matter:-

2. The Appropriate Authority shall register all hospitals in the state that have a minimum of 25 beds along with Operation Theatre and Intensive Care Unit as Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers (NTORCs). These hospitals are permitted to certify brain death as per the procedures stipulated in the Government Order Second read above and thereafter organ retrieval for therapeutic purposes, but are not permitted to perform actual transplantation of human organs.

3. The procedures stipulated in the Government Order second read above to be followed by three Government hospitals and other private hospitals registered with the Appropriate Authority, for certifying brain death as per the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, in those hospitals, will apply for brain death certification in NTORCs as well, in the event of a family of brain dead person consenting to organ donation. NTORCs can utilize the services of any medical professional authorized in the Government order second read above, for certification by Doctors No.2 and 3 as specified in the said Government Order.

4. Any NTORC can take assistance and support from any hospital registered with the Appropriate Authority as a transplant center for maintaining the brain dead person in stable condition until organ retrieval is carried out.

5. Whenever a brain death occurs in an NTORC and the deceased person's family consents to organ donation, the NTORC should contact the Transplant Coordinator, at Government General Hospital, Chennai for organ allocation as per norms.

6. The organs shall be allocated following the prioritization norms as established for organs located in the Government hospitals if the concerned NTORC is a Government hospital and the prioritization norms as established for organs located in private hospitals if the concerned NTORC is a private hospital detailed in the Government Order third read above.

7. All other procedures for procedures for cadaveric organ donation and organ retrieval as specified in the Transplantation of Human Organs Act and Rules and other relevant Government Orders would apply to NTORCs as well.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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