

TOP 3 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP MAKE SURE YOUR DESIRE TO DONATE YOUR LOVED ONE'S BRAIN TO SCIENCE IS *SUCCESSFUL!*

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PRE-REGISTER

Pre-register with your local brain bank. (Pre-registration IS NOT a final commitment! It simply makes the process of donation more streamlined during a very chaotic and traumatic time. A final consent form will need to be signed, dated and returned to the bank at time of passing).

[CLICK TO FIND YOUR LOCAL BRAIN BANK](#)

OR

[CLICK TO CONTACT HARVARD BRAIN REPOSITORY](#)

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ASSIGN A POINT OF CONTACT

Assign a *Family Member or Close Friend* as your point of contact. Make sure they have communicated with your local brain bank and understand detailed procedures to assist you in your time of need. YOU will contact this person immediately upon the death of your loved one so they can begin the process of putting into action your desired donation plans. There are a lot of moving parts to make this happen. Most of which is coordinated by the brain bank you have chosen. Every effort is made to give you space to grieve and to help this it is important to have a contact person in place for any critical questions that need to be answered.

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NOTIFY ALL INVOLVED PARTIES

NOTIFY ALL Healthcare, Caregivers, Palliative Care, Hospital Staff and any other Team members working with you and your loved one of your plans to donate. It is imperative that everyone understand your wishes beforehand. Notification of your wishes DOES NOT mean that every effort to save the life of your loved one will not be made unless you have a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order in place. Again, Notification does not mean you are committed. You can change your mind at any time. Final consent must be signed and sent at the time of passing, prior to any action being taken towards the donation process.



PLEASE UNDERSTAND....

You WILL be given time to grieve with your loved one present. However, TIME is of the essence to honor your wishes in brain donation and contact must be made IMMEDIATELY to your designated point of contact.

Despite the best efforts of everyone involved there are times when requests to donate cannot be met. This will be communicated to you in a very sympathetic and compassionate manner.

OTHER TOUCHPOINTS TO CONSIDER...

Brains must be delivered to the bank within 24 hours of passing

Choose a funeral home willing to allow outside pathologists to harvest organs for donation

The body will need to be refrigerated during the 5th hour after passing

You can have an open casket funeral even as a brain donor

Autopsy requests will impair your ability to donate

There is no cost to be a brain donor

Control Brains are always needed. It is encouraged that you become a brain donor too.

