Call Gift of Hope immediately if the ventilated patient exhibits one of the following:

- Fixed and dilated pupils
- No corneal reflex
- No response to painful stimuli
- No gag or cough
- No spontaneous respirations

OR

If the removal of life-sustaining care (including pressor support) is being considered and death is likely to occur.

Please refrain from discussing organ and tissue donation with family members until a Gift of Hope staff member is available to participate in the conversation about donation.

Donor Hotline:
800/545-GIFT (4438)
Call Gift of Hope **as soon as possible** after death occurs, before releasing the body to the funeral home.

**Nurse's role post-mortem for tissue/cornea candidates:**
- Provide tissue donation card to family.
- Obtain a phone number where the family can be reached within the next two hours.
- Administer ocular care (TLC) — apply a few drops of saline in each eye:
  - Tape eyelids shut
  - Lift the head (elevate)
  - Cool the eye region; apply a small ice pack

**NON-VENTILATED PATIENTS**

After family has left the hospital, place lightweight ice packs over the closed eyelids and record the time directly on the ice packs. Transfer the body to the morgue, but do not schedule funeral home pickup.

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