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.

Call Gift of Hope within one hour of identifying any ventilator-dependent patient with a non-survivable illness or neurological injury.

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 and/or cornea candidates**
- Obtain a phone number where the family can be reached within the next two hours
- Inform the family that someone will be contacting them
- Administer Eye Donor Medical Management for Heartland Lions Eye Banks (SEE) as soon as possible:
  - **Saline drops in both eyes for moisture** (please do not use any other lubricant)
  - **Elevate head 30 degrees**
  - **Eyelids closed** (please do not tape closed)

**NON-VENTILATED PATIENTS**

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

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