

LiveOnNY Bridging Statements

LiveOnNY is an organization that specializes in discussions with families surrounding organ and tissue donation. The role of hospital staff is not to discuss donation with families, rather to contact LiveOnNY. The following is a statement guide to assist

DISCUSSING NEXT STEPS

“Right now it is important to take some time to be with your family. We work closely with an organization that specializes in providing information for people experiencing this type of loss. The information may help to make informed decisions going forward.”

IF THE FAMILY INITIATES THE DONATION DISCUSSION

“This is a very important discussion. I will arrange for you to speak with someone from an organization that specializes in providing people experiencing this type of loss with information to help make informed decisions going forward.”

INTRODUCING A LiveOnNY COORDINATOR

“We work closely with an organization that specializes in providing people experiencing this type of loss with information to help make informed decisions going forward. I will make sure you have some time to talk.”

IF LiveOnNY NEEDS TO APPROACH BY PHONE

“We work closely with an organization that specializes in providing people experiencing this type of loss with information to help make informed decisions going forward. They are available now by phone and would be happy to spend a few minutes speaking with you.”

EXPLAINING BRAIN DEATH

“We are testing for the most basic brain functions to see if your loved one is brain dead.”

“Brain death occurs when blood and oxygen cannot flow to the brain. Without blood and oxygen, the brain will no longer function in any capacity. A patient who has been declared brain dead cannot feel or breathe on their own.”

“Once brain death is declared, it means that your loved one has died.”

Allowing family members to observe brain death testing may provide for a better understanding and acceptance of the diagnosis.

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH

“We have completed our testing and confirmed that your loved one is indeed brain dead.”

“I know this is a lot to absorb; the medical team is available to answer any questions you may have.”

“Please take some time to be with your family and loved one. We will discuss the next steps with you soon.”