Journalists Workshop

Organ Donation and Transplantation

APPROACHING THE FAMILY

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TRANSPLANTATION COORDINATION

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Everybody arriving hospital → Start the fight for saving life

Family trust doctors & nurses

Continuous asking of situation
After investigation and treatment

Medical evaluation of patient

Indicates symptoms of brain death

Losing battle of life, psychological stress for medical team

Change of the therapeutic goal: potential Donor?
First conversation with family

Explanation brain death:

Building Trust, give information, give time for questions, use understandable language, in a quiet environment, be silent and listen, give support, explain that it’s an irreversible situation
If family don’t understand brain death, it’s not possible to have an agreement for donation

**Diagnosis of brain death must be confirmed by 3 doctors who have nothing to do with transplantation programs**

(Belgian Law)
Two different news reports: journalist speaks about brain-death...

Judge orders to stop nutrition by feeding tube

Use the right terminology
Second conversation with family

First: control Belgian donor register (transplant coordinator 24/24 u)

![Graph showing Pro and Contra trends from 2002 to 2012.]

Belgian Law and Donor Register (1986) opting-out system
No objection in data-bank:
doctor starts conversation with introducing
nurse, social worker, transplantcoordinator, religious leader

Give information about organ donation, listen what they know about

Speak always with respect and use the first-name of the deceased man, woman or child

(Conversation: what’s the opinion of the potential donor)

Let family as much as they want beside the deceased

If no objection, ask for specific wishes during the procedure
The doctor can’t take organs

When he is informed at any way that the deceased don’t want to be a donor (any way, can be a written paper, family,...)
Support family after donation

Give information to donorfamilies just after the procedure

Write a letter with information of used organs and give some support and sympathy

Send on of thanking cards and letters from organ recipients

Send yearly a Christmas card
Dear Donar family,

We are so sorry for your loss of your child and the pain you are all feeling; you may get some comfort in knowing that what you did is the best thing anyone in the world could have done for us— that is saving another child’s life … our son Jack.

Jack was very ill; he has battled with heart disease for 3½ years, he could not run around like other kids, he could not go on holiday or do the normal things that kids do. That is until the 7th July 2005 when a brave family had to make such a big decision; a decision that had to be made at such a heart-breaking time in their life.

We have been blessed; this has given us our son life back. He looks at us now and he cannot stop smiling. He has colour in his face again. He eats and drinks loads; these are things that he did not do very much before.

Our life has changed so much in the last few weeks we feel like we have a future again; we owe all this to you and your wonderful family.

We cannot even start to imagine what you must be feeling as a family.

All we can say is thank you from the bottom of our hearts with all our love you will always hold a special place in our heart.

Thank you so much with love – Jack’s family.
Give a positive culture to organ donation and transplantation

The shortage of organs, increasing of waitinglist is an European problem
Use patient organizations for sensibilisation in collaboration with TX-coordinators
No place for wild stories
Convince the Government the need of cooperation
Becoming a donor is probably your only chance to get inside her.
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NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS IN BELGIUM

- Public
- Administration
- Medical Doctors - nurses
- Schools
- Coroners
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Prelèvement et transplantation d'organes après le décès

Accord de réception n° 80

Il se confirme la déclaration de volonté exposée de don d'organes de:

Nom : Di Rigo
Prénom(s) : Elle

Nom, prénom(s) des déclarants pour les bulletins nationaux
N.B. : Marcoubray-Monsieur (le 18/07/1951)
passeport:

Il a été constaté au registre national des personnes physiques,
Par le Maires, le 19 septembre 2012

Par l'officier de l'état civil,
Signature légitimée
Patrimonie:

P.B.:

La déclaration est faite par un enfant mineur âgé de 19 ans conformément à la législation.
UN ORGANE PEUT SAUVER PLUS D’UNE VIE

Fondation de l’Organisation pour la Sauvegarde des Vies Humaines (FOD VOLKSGEZONDHEID, VEILIGHEID VAN DE VOEDSELKETEN EN LEEFMILIEU)

NOS TARIFS

LISTE DES ORGANES

CONTACTEZ-NOUS

CARTE DES DONNEURS

QUI SOMMES-NOUS

NOS GARANTIES

TEMOIGNAGES

Foie 3.000 euros
Pancréas 2.000 euros
Rein 3.500 euros
Poumon 6.000 euros
Moelle osseuse 1.500 euros
Cornée 4.000 euros

GIVE LIFE

3.000 euros
2.000 euros
3.500 euros
6.000 euros
1.500 euros
4.000 euros
Interrogation Belgian habitants (2009 Test-Aankoop)

66 % have no problems with donation (altruïsme, egoïsme)
Refusing: 11% age and medical contra indication
  9% no trust in medical team
  5% religion reasons
64% have insufficient information about organ donation
2,5% of the interrogations had already contact with donation
They’ll approve again but have some comments:
  -more feedback organs
  -conversation with doctor to technical and cold
  -question of donatie to early
Belgium one of the highest number of organs used for organ transplantation

Room for improvement!

Fig. 1 Deceased donor organs retrieved AND transplanted, PMP – 2008 (Council of Europe, Eurotransplant data 2006)