

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

*You will be given time to grieve with your loved one present. However, **TIMELY ACTION** is needed to honor your wishes and contact must be made **IMMEDIATELY** with your Point of Contact.*

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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 spoken with your local brain bank and understand the necessary procedures. **YOU** will contact this person immediately upon the death of your loved one so they can facilitate your desired donation plans and answer any questions your chosen brain bank has.

MY POINT OF CONTACT'S NAME AND CONTACT INFO

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## PRE-REGISTER

Pre-register with your local brain bank. This **IS NOT** a final commitment! It simply makes the process of donation more streamlined. A final consent form must be signed, dated and returned to the bank at time of passing. You can always change your mind after pre-registration.

MY BRAIN BANK INFORMATION

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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.

## 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. Consider becoming a brain donor too.

*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.*

