INTERMOUNTAIN DONOR SERVICES
DONATION AFTER CARDIAC DEATH
DECISION TREE

Prognosis Grave
Care Futile

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Family/Medical Staff decision
to withdraw support

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Physician considers patient
potential candidate for DCD.
Family receptive to organ donation

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IDS Called for DCD evaluation
2nd Physician opinion sought

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IDS and 2nd opinion deems pt.
suitable + likelihood of Death
in < 60 minutes

→ Consent obtained for Organ Donation (ME approval, if needed) → Ongoing Family Support

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IDS assumes subsequent cost of care

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IDS Workup (may take 8+ hrs)
(ICU Team writes all orders)

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Pt Prepped/Draped in ICU
By OR Staff

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Support withdrawn;

→ Pt does not die
Within 60 min

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Pt Dies within 60 min

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Rapid Transfer to OR for
Organ Recovery (MD &
RN Walk to OR with pt)

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Death Paper work completed

ICU Team continues
care of Pt,
No organ donation
Cost of care reverts to
Original payor

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Family Notified
Consider tissue donation

No Consent or Ruleout

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Lifesupport is Withdrawn

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Consider tissue donation