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)

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IDS assumes subsequent cost of care

No Consent or Ruleout

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

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Lifesupport is withdrawn

Pt Prepped/Draped in ICU
By OR Staff

Support withdrawn;
Pt does not die
Within 60 min

Pt Dies within 60 min

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

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

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Death Paper work completed

Family Notified
Consider tissue donation