

BRAIN DEATH



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WHAT IS BRAIN DEATH?

Brain death is a state when the function of the brain as a whole, including the brain stem, is irreversibly lost.


WHAT CAUSES BRAIN DEATH?

Head trauma or bleeding in the brain from aneurysm or stroke can limit oxygen supply to the brain and cause the brain tissue to swell. Without oxygen, it would ultimately lead to brain death.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE IN DIAGNOSING BRAIN DEATH?

When a patient is declared as brain dead by two authorized and experienced specialist in two separate tests, as legally dead, the ventilation machine will be switched off.

The tests conducted to determine brain dead are done following the standard procedures accepted all over the world and the specialist who announces brain death cannot have anything to do with organ transplantation.

	
Cardiac Death	Brain Death
Can donate tissues only	Can donate organs and tissues
Heart valve Bones Corneas Skin	Heart Lungs Liver Kidneys

“Brain death equals death”

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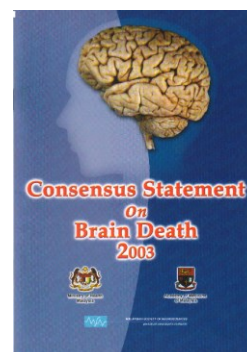
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