

Joint Commission Standard LD.3.110

The hospital implements policies and procedures developed with the medical staff's participation for procuring and donating organs and other tissues.

Elements of Performance for LD.3.110

- (1) The hospital has an agreement with an appropriate organ procurement organization (OPO) and follows its rules and regulations.
- (2) The hospital's policies and procedures identify the OPO with which it is affiliated.
- (3) The hospital has an agreement with at least one tissue bank and at least one eye bank (as long as the process does not interfere with organ procurement) to cooperate in retrieving, processing, preserving, storing, and distributing tissues and eyes.
- (4) The hospital notifies the OPO in a timely manner of patients who have died or whose death is imminent.
- (5) In Department of Defense hospitals, Veterans Affairs medical centers, and other federally administered health care agencies, this notification is done according to procedures approved by the respective agency.
- (6) The OPO determines medical suitability for organ donation and, in the absence of alternative arrangements by the hospital, for tissue and eye donation.
- (7) The hospital has procedures, developed in collaboration with the designated OPO, for notifying the family of each potential donor of the option to donate—or decline to donate—organs, tissues, or eyes.
- (8) This notification is made by an organ procurement representative or the hospital's designated requester.
- (9) Written documentation by the hospital's designated requester shows that the patient or family accepts or declines the opportunity for the patient to become an organ or tissue donor.
- (10) The hospital's staff exercises discretion and sensitivity to the circumstances, beliefs, and desires of the families of potential donors.
- (11) The hospital maintains records of potential donors whose names have been sent to the OPO and tissue and eye banks.
- (12) The hospital works with the OPO and tissue and eye banks as follows:
 - In reviewing death records to improve identification of potential donors
 - To maintain potential donors while the necessary testing and placement of potential donated organs, tissues, and eyes takes place
 - In educating staff about donation issues

Additional Elements of Performance for Hospitals Performing Transplant Services

(13) A hospital transplanting human organs must belong to the organ procurement and transplantation network (OPTN) established under section 372 of the Public Health Service Act and must abide by its rules.

(14) If requested, the hospital provides all organ transplant-related data to the OPTN, the Scientific Registry, or the hospital's designated OPO.