WE ARE LISTENING!

In September 2016, Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) contracted with Research Planning Group to interview Arizona physicians regarding the donation process. We greatly appreciate your feedback and DNA wants you to know - we are listening.

Overall, the results of our interviews showed that physicians are looking for more preparatory education before cases, more follow-up after cases, and improved communication in general. In response, DNA staff has committed itself to enhancing our working relationship by providing the information, education and support our hospital partners asked for in the Physician Connection electronic newsletter.

Growing relationships and collaboration with hospital leaders will strengthen your hospital’s donation program. We are hopeful that the Physician Connection will be the gateway to providing relevant education resources and keep you informed regarding donation. We look forward to continuing our shared mission to save and heal lives. We thank you for your ongoing support!

WHO IS DONOR NETWORK OF ARIZONA?

Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) is the state’s federally designated, nonprofit organ procurement organization that coordinates organ, eye and tissue donation for transplantation. DNA is dedicated to working with our health care and community partners to support donor families, facilitate organ, eye and tissue donation for transplant and encourage people in our community to donate life. We also provide histocompatibility testing through our immunogenetics laboratory.

DNA is accredited by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, the American Association of Tissue Banks, the Eye Bank Association of America and the American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics. We are designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for our role as Arizona’s only organ procurement organization and are registered with the Food and Drug Administration for our role as a tissue and eye recovery organization for transplant.

In order to keep in compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), hospitals and DNA collaborate on the referral and screening of potential donors, educate staff on donation process, review death records in order to improve identification of potential donors, and medically maintain potential donors.

DONATION DATA

Trauma Center Comparison

Potential Organ Donor:
The number of patients with organ donation potential.

Organ Donor:
The number of patients where organs were recovered and transplanted.

Organ Donation Rate:
The number of organ donors that were recovered for transplant expressed as a percentage of patients who are medically suitable regardless of brain death declaration.
PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT
Donald Green, MD
Trauma Surgeon, Abrazo West Campus

In May 2017, there were an unprecedented amount of donors at Abrazo West Campus. Seven organ donors lead to the recovery of 36 organs, saving 27 lives. To say West Campus' staff was amazing, is a huge understatement! In the midst of these life-saving events, Dr. Donald Green remained a constant source of support for both hospital and DNA staff. Most importantly, he took great care of the patients and families. Dr. Green was the physician involved in the brain death declaration of three of the seven organ donors using the hospital’s policy and checklist. In each case, he took the time to meet with the families and, not only explain the circumstances of their loved one’s passing, but offer them the opportunity to ask questions and observe testing.

We sincerely appreciate our partnership with Dr. Donald Green and the amazing staff at Abrazo West Campus. Dr. Green is board certified in trauma and general surgery with Abrazo Medical Group. He served as a surgeon for 10 years in the U.S. Navy, where he was deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. He then spent six years at the Navy Trauma Training Center at the Los Angeles County Medical Center.

“"We make the most of life through the gift of organ and tissue donation"