

## ORGAN DONOR IN THE INTENSIVE CARE

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Finland and several other countries are facing shortage of transferable organs. Many patients die waiting on the transfer queue. It is important that the potential organ donors are identified and obtained to ICU treatment quickly as possible. It is the advantage of the recipient patient, that donor is treated according to the protocol. Organ donation is an expensive operation but will pay off in the long run to the receiving patient's health status changes dramatically better and the quality of life. Future challenges are cultural and religious aspects of immigration and to increase organ donor awareness on the general population.

Critical care involves several steps. It is important to note reliably brain function stops and continues to death. In Finland, organ donation is coordinated by the Helsinki transplantation center and all activities related to the process is guided it through.

At our stand we will all relate to the assignment protocols through. Nursing is a challenge; because we support the relatives of organ donors concerned the transfer process and sorrow. It is very important that donors and their families are treated with respect and ethically correct. When necessary, the discussion must be given plenty of time. After finding a reliable brain death we move to protect the transferable organs. The donor's vital signs will be closely monitored, hemodynamics, kidney condition, lung function is supported according to the protocol.