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National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation

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Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

अंगदान-जीवनदान

F.No. C-35/466/Admin/NOTTO/22/pt 168

Dated:19.03.2025

Subject: Implementation of monitoring of Brain Stem Death and reporting on monthly basis

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, is entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing organ and tissue transplantation activities across the nation. In this capacity, I address your esteemed office regarding the persistent non-compliance with the mandatory reporting of Brain Stem Death (BSD) cases, despite repeated requests. This matter is of concern, as it directly impacts our collective efforts to enhance organ donation rates in India, which currently remain alarmingly low at less than One donor per million population annually.

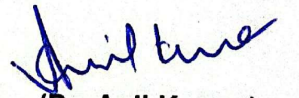
It is pertinent to mention that, as per provisions of "The Transplantation of Human Organs Tissues Act, 1994" & Rules thereunder, it is required to identify each potential brain stem death case, admitted in the ICU and further it is mandatory duty to enquire whether such potential donor had pledged for organ donation and if not to make the family members aware of the opportunity to donate organs before the heart stops. The doctor on duty with the help of transplant coordinator is required to make the above-mentioned inquiry after certification of such BSD cases.

Despite earlier communication vide D.O. letter dated 02nd April 2024 (Ref: F.No.C-35/466/Admin/NOTTO/22/pt/54; Subject: Implementation of Monitoring of Brain Stem Death on Regular Basis), which directed hospitals to submit monthly proforma on BSD cases to SOTTOs for transmission to NOTTO at dir@notto.nic.in by the 7th of each subsequent month. The referenced letter also mandated the display of "Required Request Display Boards" in designated areas such as ICUs and emergency wards to facilitate compliance with BSD certification and reporting.

I request you to take immediate and stringent action to enforce compliance by directing all registered hospitals to: **(i) rigorously monitor and certify BSD cases; (ii) submit the monthly proforma on BSD cases to SOTTOs for onward transmission to NOTTO by the 7th of each subsequent month.** Non-compliance with these statutory provisions may attract penalties under the THOTA Act, and your hospital adhere to the legal obligations.

For assistance, you may contact the NOTTO office at Toll-free 1800-11-4770 or Landline 011-26164770, or via email at bsdreporting@gmail.com.

With regards,


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To
State Appropriate Authority (s), All States/UTs

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Copy for information to:

1. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Health & Family Welfare), All States/UTs State
2. Directors/In-Charge, All ROTTOS/SOTTOs

Copy for compliance to:

1. All Registered Transplant Hospitals/Transplant Centers

Enclosures:

1. Copy of DO letter dated 02nd April 2024 from Director NOTTO (Ref: F.No.C-35/466/Admin/NOTTO/22/pt/54).

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2. Performa for the monitoring of BSD and request display boards template.

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