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SBAR for OPO 34451L: DCD Donor Issues

Situation

This is a notification of a new, medium priority, Incident Handling case regarding the management of a DCD donor. This case was brought to Incident Handling via an anonymous call on the Member Reporting Line on February 24, 2017.

A DCD donor procurement took place on February 23, 2017. According to the anonymous reporter, protocols for declaration of death may not have been followed. The anonymous reporter was not present for this situation, and has heard this information from another person.

Background

The DCD donor was brought to the OR, where care was withdrawn. After a more than five-minute period, the donor was declared dead and organ procurement began. The donor was opened, and after being opened, it was found the heart was still beating. The heart was again monitored, and it stopped ten minutes later. At this point, the donor was again declared dead, possibly by one of the recovering surgeons.

Ultimately, no organs were transplanted. Both kidneys were sent out for research, the liver was recovered but discarded locally, and all other organs were not recovered.

Assessment

Due to the concern that such a situation could represent a threat to the integrity or trust in the OPTN, this case has been assigned a medium priority.

Information in DonorNet states that: WHO IS THIS DOCTOR? HR BEGAN TO BEAT AGAIN WITH NO BP. LOOKS LIKE SAME DOCTOR DECLARED DEAD BOTH TIMES.

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Recommendation

Because few facts are currently known, an inquiry letter will be sent to the OPO by Wednesday, March 1, 2017, with a shortened one-week response time.

Per Medium priority case internal protocol, this serves as notification to the MPSC Chair and UNOS leadership. An update will be provided when more information is known.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]