



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER**

SUBJECT: HONOR WALK FOR ORGAN DONORS

POLICY NO. 316C

CATEGORY: Administration	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/22
POLICY CONTACT: Jennifer Smith, MD	UPDATE/REVISION DATE:
REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE(S): Organ Donor Council	

PURPOSE:

To recognize and show gratitude to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center patients and their loved ones who have chosen to donate life through the gift of organ donation.

POLICY:

All patients who are consented for organ donation through the protocols of the organ procurement organization (OPO), both after brain death and via Donation After Cardiac Death (DCD), will be recognized with an honor walk, unless the family declines.

PROCEDURE:


A. HONOR WALK FOR ORGAN DONORS

1. Once the OPO coordinator is aware of the time the patient will be transported to the One Legacy Recovery Center or to the Harbor Operating Room, they will notify the patient's bedside nurse, ICU Charge Nurse, and family.
2. The ICU Charge Nurse will notify the Hospital Operator to announce, "CODE HONOR in 10 minutes (floor/unit)".
3. When the 10-minute overhead PA announcement is made, clinical staff will ask other patients/visitors in the corridor to move out of the area in preparation for the Honor Walk.
4. When the patient is ready to be moved from the ICU, the nurse will notify the Hospital Operator to announce over the PA system "CODE HONOR occurring on (floor/unit)".
5. Interested staff who are not immediately attending to a patient care need are invited to line the hallways of the pre-determined route from the patient's ICU location to west elevators.
6. If the patient is going to the Harbor Operating Room, the Anesthesiology Team will be at the head of the bed, with the family/loved ones behind them. The patient's physician and bedside nurse will follow just behind them. If the patient is being transported to the OneLegacy Recovery Center, the OneLegacy representative will be at the head of the bed.
7. Once the patient has reached the elevator, staff will resume their regular responsibilities.

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8. Family/loved ones of the donor will be permitted to take photographs or videos of the Honor Walk. Staff are prohibited from taking pictures of the process.
9. Staff who do not wish to be photographed or filmed can choose not to participate in the Honor Walk, or can step aside as the care team moves down the hall.

Reviewed and approved by:
Medical Executive Committee 01/2022

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Beverley A. Petrie, M.D.
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