

GRANDVIEW HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

PREPARING FOR THE DECLARATION OF BRAIN DEATH

In order to facilitate the physician-survivor dynamics after the declaration of brain death, it is important to prepare the survivors for the possibility of declaring the patient brain dead. The following steps can be taken to prepare for this possibility:

- 1. Give the survivors an accurate account of the patient's condition, both diagnosis and prognosis.**
- 2. Explain to the survivors the probability of the occurrence of brain death.**
- 3. Explain the meaning of brain death.**
- 4. Outline the procedures that will be used to determine brain death.**
- 5. Outline the procedures that will be used to end interventions when brain death has been declared.**