


<b>Name of Policy:</b>	<b>Request for Determination of Death by Brain Criteria</b>	 <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011 Initial Effective Date: January 14, 1981
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<b>Department:</b>	Hospital Administration	
<b>Approving Officer:</b>	Sr. Vice President & Executive Director, UTMC Chief of Staff	
<b>Responsible Agent:</b>	Sr. Vice President & Executive Director, UTMC	
<b>Scope:</b>	The University of Toledo Medical Center and its Medical Staff	
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**(A) Policy Statement**

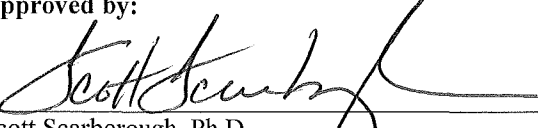
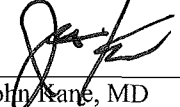
To initiate a determination of death by brain criteria, the attending service must fill out a checklist.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To assure uniformity among all departments and physicians in requesting determinations of death by brain criteria.

**(C) Procedure**

1. Clinical Determination. The clinical determination will be completed according to the form for Determination Of Death By Brain Criteria for Adults and Children 1 Year of Age and Older. This will include an apneic oxygenation test and neurological or neurosurgical consultation.
2. Laboratory Confirmation. Laboratory confirmation is required for infants less than 1 year of age and optional for older patients for whom it may be used to shorten the required period of observation. Any of the following confirmatory tests may be used:
  - a. EEG to detect electrocerebral silence
  - b. SPECT or angiography to detect absent cerebral blood flow. If there is absent cerebral blood and clinical criteria for brain death are met, then no further observation is necessary.
3. When determination of death by brain criteria is made, the attending physician, the neurological/neurosurgical consultant and the ICU consultant if different from the above, will sign the appropriate form and the patient will be declared dead and life support may be withdrawn.
4. The attending physician or his designee will make a concluding note in patient's chart regarding the time and death of the patient.

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