

**To provide every family possible the option for donation, please refer all deaths within the following guidelines to the Wisconsin Tissue Bank. Staff is available 24 hours a day to assist you. Timing is essential to coordinate the donor screening and begin the recovery within the designated recovery time.**

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CRITERIA	
<b>Age</b>	Age limits change frequently; please refer all deaths which meet the criteria below.
<b>Time After Death To Begin Recovery</b>	All bone and tissue recovery must commence within a 24 hour period from the time of cardiac arrest or Last Seen Alive, provided the donor has been cooled within 12 hours of death. In the instance where the donor has not been cooled within 12 hours, all procedures must commence within 15 hours of death. If the body is cooled and then not cooled, the time period the body is not cooled cannot exceed 15 cumulative hours.
<b>Absolute Rule Outs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIV</li> <li>2. Hepatitis B &amp; C</li> <li>3. Leukemia</li> <li>4. Known IV Drug Abuse</li> </ol>

### STEP 1

- Call 1-888-278-0556 (Donor Information Line). Please have the following information available:
  - Deceased name, age, gender
  - A phone number the Wisconsin Tissue Bank Coordinator can reach the investigator.

### STEP 2

- A Wisconsin Tissue Bank Coordinator will call you back within 15 minutes and evaluate the potential for donation. They will ask for more information such as:
  - Circumstances of death
  - Date and time of death.
  - Was the death witnessed? If not, last known alive time.
  - Resuscitative efforts, IV fluids.
  - Trauma
  - Past medical history and medications, if known
  - Height and weight (an estimate is fine)
  - Date of birth
  - Legal next of kin, name, and phone number
  - Autopsy plans

### STEP 3

- The coordinator will facilitate approaching the legal next of kin for donation and obtaining informed consent.
- The recovery can be coordinated with autopsy, if applicable.