

Words Matter.

The terms and phrases we use when talking about donation matter. Using the correct words helps communicate respect for the donor, donor families and the decision to give the ultimate gift.



Recover organs

Recovery or donation of organs

Deceased donor or donation

Mechanical or ventilation support

Determine brain death

Organs and tissues



“harvest” or “procure” organs

“harvesting” or “procuring” of organs

“cadaver” or “cadaveric” donation

“life” support

“declare brain death”

“body parts”