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Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Transplantation of Human Organs - Procedure for the declaration of brain death in Government and Private Hospitals in the State - Revised guidelines issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.)No.16/2017/H&FWD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 01.02.2017

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- Read:- 1. G.O.(Ms.)No.36/2012/H&FWD dated 04.02.2012.
2. Minutes of the meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department on 21.01.2016.

ORDER

Deceased Donor organ Transplantation Programme was started in 2012. Government have issued directions from time to time on various aspects of the Programme including modalities for brain death certification and allocation of the organs. This is managed by the organisation called Kerala Network for Organ Sharing (KNOS). Recently some concerns were expressed that the current guidelines had loopholes which could raise concerns about the genuineness of the brain death certification process.

2. In order to examine this complaint and to draft foolproof guidelines, a comprehensive meeting of experts in the field was held on 21.01.2017. Based on the consultation, Government are pleased to issue revised guidelines for brain death certification incorporating the following directions.

1. Brain Death Certification is to be done by a team of 4 doctors, of which at least 2 doctors must be from outside the hospital. One of them must be a doctor from Government service who has been empanelled for the same by the appropriate authority.
2. Real time (time and date stamped) Videography of the brain stem death certification must be produced for both the Apnoea tests.

3. A peripheral Nerve Stimulation test will be carried out to rule out residual neuromuscular blockade through pharmacology agents.

(By Order of the Governor)

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