



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department – Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers (NTORC) – Criteria for non-transplant centres to retrieve organs from brain dead persons – Detailed instructions – Orders Issued

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**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O (MS)No.38/2012/H&FWD**

**Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04.02.2012**

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- Read:- 1) GO(Ms)No.36/2012/H&FWD dated 04.02.2012  
2) GO(Ms)No.37/2012/H&FWD dated 04.02.2012

**ORDER**

1. The success of organ transplantation as a life saving procedure in end stage organ diseases has lead to its wide spread application. Being aware of the life saving potential of organ transplantation and considering the paucity of living donor organs cadaver organ transplant programme following brain death has been implemented in the State as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above. The procedures to be followed by the Government and private hospitals that are registered under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 as transplant centres when dealing with cadaver organ transplant has been detailed in the Government Order read second above.

2. But, at present, no established procedure or guideline to deal with situations that arise when brain deaths occur in hospitals in the state that are not registered under The Transplantation of Human Organs Act,1994 (THO Act) even when the families of the brain dead persons wish or consent to donate the organs of their deceased family member. It is therefore imperative to permit organs to be retrieved when there is a willingness to donate organs at those centers which have the facilities to maintain brain dead deceased donors, so that more lives of organ failure patients can be saved. Considering the fact that a large number of brain deaths occur in non-transplant hospitals the Appropriate Authority shall take the initiative to register those hospitals that fulfill the following conditions as "Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers".

3. The following orders are issued in the matter:

(i) The Appropriate Authority shall register on application by the hospitals, concerned all hospitals in the State that have a minimum of 50 beds along with Operation Theatre and Intensive Care Unit as Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers (NTORCs). These hospitals are permitted to certify brain death as per the procedures stipulated in the Government Order as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above and thereafter organ retrieval for therapeutic purposes, but are not permitted to perform actual transplantation of human organs.

(ii) The procedures stipulated in the Government Order second read above to be followed by the participating Government hospitals and all private hospitals registered with the Appropriate Authority, for certifying brain death as per the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, in those hospitals, will apply for brain death certification in Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers as well, in the event of a family of brain dead person consenting to organ donation. Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers can utilize the services of any medical professional authorized in the Government order 1<sup>st</sup> read above, for certification by Doctors No.2 and 3 as specified in the said Government Order.

(iii) Any Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Center can take assistance and support from any hospital registered with the Appropriate Authority as a transplant center for maintaining the brain dead person in stable condition until organ retrieval is carried out.

(iv) Whenever a brain death occurs in an Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Center and the deceased person's family consents to organ donation, the Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Center should contact the Transplant Coordinator, at Government Medical College Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram is for organ allocation as per norms.

(v) The organs shall be allocated following the prioritization norms as established for organs located in the Government hospitals if the concerned Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Center is a Government hospital and the prioritization norms as established for organs located in private hospitals if the concerned Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Center is a private hospital detailed in the Government Order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

4. All other procedures for cadaveric organ donation and organ retrieval as specified in the Transplantation of Human Organs Act and Rules and other relevant Government Orders would apply to Non Transplant Organ Retrieval Centers as well.

**(By Order of the Governor)**  
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