

## Regional Medical Center of San Jose Donor Honor Walk Program Process Guide



Source: <https://hcaturdayblog.com/2018/11/20/caregivers-pay-respect-to-organ-donor-in-first-ever-honor-walk/>

### 1. Donor Honor Walk Program Overview:

- i. The Donor Honor Walk is intended to provide the donor's family and hospital staff a gesture of spiritual and emotional gratitude, thankfulness for the donor, and honor the donor's generosity to others

### 2. Honor Walk Process:

- a. Whenever there is an organ donor (signed authorization or notified document of gift), ICU Nurse Management, OR Nurse Management, and Donor Council Member will be notified by Donor Network West.
- b. During Donation Discussion with Donor Family, **Donor Network West** will discuss the Honor Walk and confirm if the Donor Family would like the experience to occur.
- c. Once confirmed that family would like the Honor Walk to occur, Donor Network West will contact ICU Nurse Management (ICU Nurse Director, ICU Nurse Manager, ICU Charge Nurse), OR Nurse Management (ICU Nurse Director, ICU Nurse Manager, OR Charge Nurse), Nursing Supervisor on the family's agreement to an Honor Walk and explain the Honor Walk process and timing.
- d. Donor Network West will continue to update the ICU Charge Nurse, OR Charge Nurse, and Nursing Supervisor throughout the donor management/allocation process until an OR time is confirmed.
- e. Once OR time is confirmed, Donor Network West will communicate with ICU Charge Nurse, OR Charge Nurse, Nursing Supervisor on the OR time. Nursing Supervisor will coordinate with both ICU Charge Nurse and OR Charge Nurse for the Honor Walk to occur.

- f. An hour prior to confirmed OR time, Call operator and update on time of requested announcement. Fax over donor walk process guide with script for their reference.
- i. "Announcement Example"
  - Can I have your attention, please? In 30 minutes, we will have a Honor Walk to recognize and provide respect to a patient in the ICU and the patient's family. The ICU patient will be saving and healing many lives through becoming a donor. Please join us in honoring the generosity of the patient and the patient's family by being part of this Honor Walk. Thank You.
- g. Send message to all hospital staff via Broadcast on the nurses' phones. In message, start with "from donor network west coordinator \_\_\_\_\_".

### **3. Honor Walk**

- a. 30 minutes prior to confirmed OR time, Donor Network West will communicate to ICU Charge Nurse, OR Charge Nurse, Nursing Supervisor, and Security that Donor Patient is ready to be transported to the OR for organ recovery.
- b. Hospital Staff will line- up in two parallel lines from the ICU to the OR as seen in the photo above as the Donor Patient is being transported to the OR.
- c. Family will be allow to follow the Donor Patient to the OR as the Honor Walk is occurring.
- d. Security will be available throughout the process to assist with any problems that might arise.
- e. Once Donor Patient have been successfully transported to the OR for Organ Recovery, announcement will be made to thank all staff for joining the Honor Walk.

### **4. Communication: daily unit huddles** is an opportunity for staff to share their experience with the Honor Walk.

#### **Reference:**

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