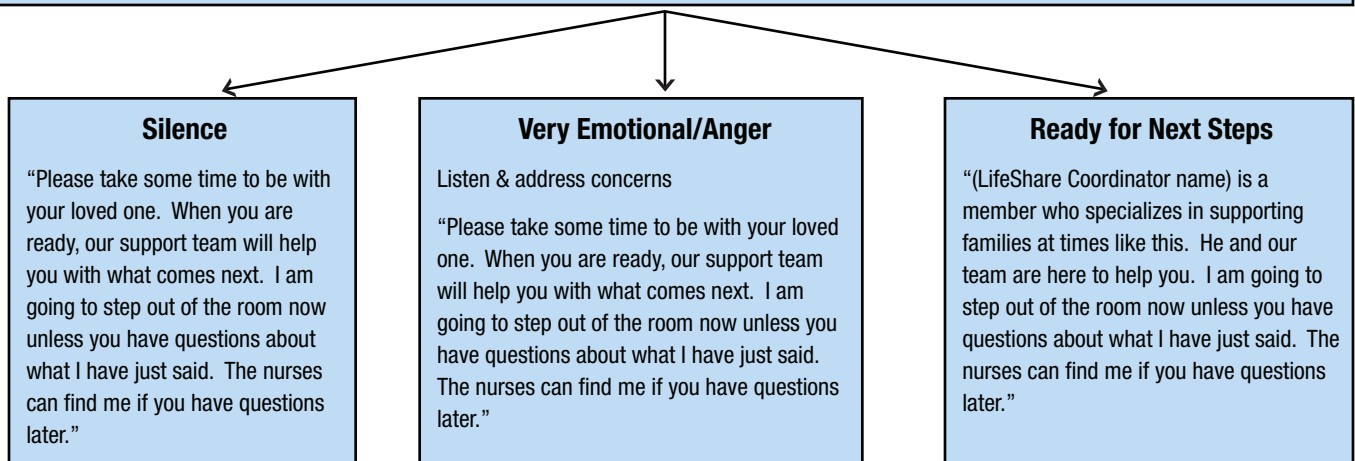
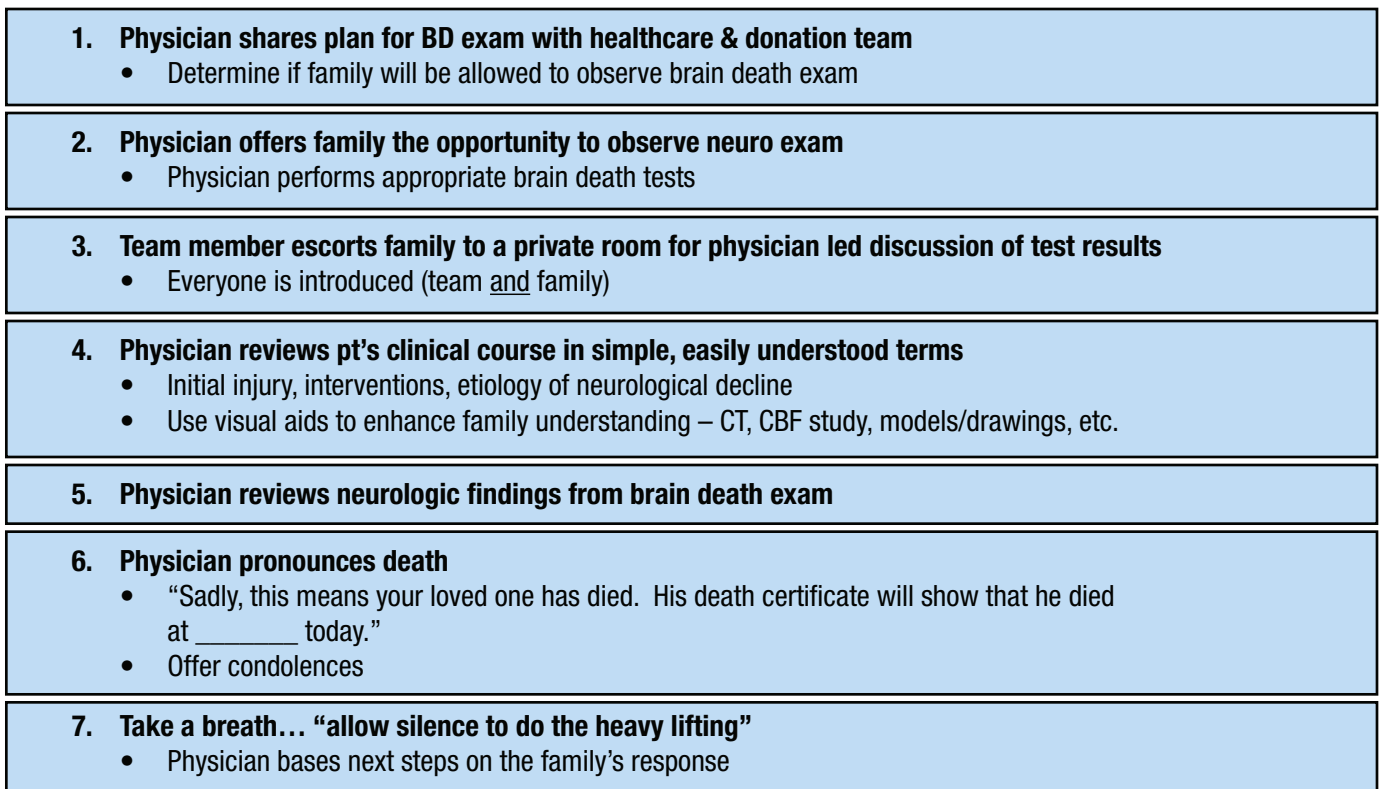


Donation is an end of life decision. It is important not to mention donation prior to brain death determination because:

- Pre-death mention of donation can lead to distrust.
- The patient could be a registered donor (1st person authorization).
- Surveys indicates families need time to process brain death diagnosis before they can move on to consider donation and research demonstrates families are more likely to donate if they understand the brain death diagnosis.
- Donation is not a “yes” or “no” question. A full discussion of end of life goals must occur.

What if the family brings up donation? Tell them, “My commitment is to care for your loved one. Donation could be a possibility. I will contact an expert in that field and ask them to speak with you.”

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