



## Respiratory Therapist Clinical Triggers *WHEN*

**You receive an order  
for terminal  
extubation**

*OR*

**Plans for brain death  
and/or apnea testing  
are being made**

- Take a time out.
- Verify that the patient has been referred to and evaluated by LifeShare.
- Please DO NOT mention organ donation to the family.

**WAIT, DON'T EXTUBATE 1-800-241-4483**

## ***Respiratory Care of Typical Donor***

- Please **DO NOT** make vent changes without speaking to the **LifeShare Coordinator** unless emergent care needed
- If you have questions, please ask, so we can explain the process
- Ensure ETT cuff is overinflated ( $\geq 30$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Keep head of bed at 30 degree angle
- Continue to perform oral care
- Keep lavage suctioning to a minimum

