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Dear *Colleagues,*

As you are aware that Government of India is committed to promote and augment organ donation for saving lives of those suffering from various organ failures. Mostly, organ donation is feasible only from the brain stem dead patients (before the heart stops). It has been noted that many a times due to various reasons and situations like death happening outside hospital, cardiac death happening before the patient could be admitted in ICU, patient admitted in ICU but cardiac death occurred before certification of brain stem death could be completed, etc.

In above mentioned situations and deaths happening at home, body donation is possible. The donated human bodies are required for academic and research purposes, which aids in better teaching of medical professionals. We have shortage of human cadavers required for teaching in the country. Thus, in those situations, where organ donation is not possible, the option of body donation may be explored and family members may be encouraged and facilitated for the same. This will go a long way in offsetting the shortage of human cadavers in medical institutions.

In view of above, you are requested to issue instructions to all the stakeholders accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Atul Goel)

To

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