

4. If I sign up to be a brain donor, does that preclude me from donating other organs for transplant purposes?

It may, depending on how long the procedure takes for retrieving the donated organs and how long the donor was on a respirator.

5. Does the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center accept whole body donations?

No. The facility is not equipped to receive such donations.

6. Will being a brain donor interfere with funeral arrangements or memorial services in any way?

Absolutely not. You may have any sort of service or remembrance that you and your family desire, as the brain recovery process does not cause any disruption in those plans.

7. Is there anything that could preclude someone from becoming a donor?

Yes. If you test positive for HIV or for hepatitis you are excluded as a brain donor. In addition, there may be some other situations that would preclude persons from being donors. You can contact the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center at 1-800-BRAIN BANK (1-800-272-4622) for further information if you have any questions or concerns.

8. Will the family of the donor receive any communication from the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center after their loved one has passed away?

Yes. The family will be asked to complete a questionnaire about the donor and will also be asked to grant permission for the donor's medical records to be sent to the Brain Bank. The medical history and questionnaire are both important so the Brain Bank can reliably give researchers the correct tissue samples needed for their specific studies. When this information is received and after the tissue has been analyzed by the neuropathologist, the family will receive a copy of the final neuropathology report.

3 EASY STEPS TO ENROLL AS A POTENTIAL BRAIN DONOR

1. Pre-enroll online at <https://dysphonia.org/brain-donation-registration-form/>
2. Once the form is received, a card indicating that you are a brain donor for your wallet will then be mailed to you.
3. Talk to your family about your important decision to further advance dystonia research by becoming a brain donor.

If you have any questions, please contact Dysphonia International at 630-250-4504 or via email at voice@dysphonia.org. Thank you for your support!

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