

Guide to Sensitive Language

Inappropriate Term	Appropriate Term
“harvest” organs	“recover” organs
“harvesting” of organs	“recovery” of organs
“harvesting” of organs	“donation” of organs
“procure” organs	“recover” organs
“procuring” organs	“recovery” of organs
“cadaveric” donation	“deceased” donation
“cadaver” donation	“deceased” donation
“cadaver” donor	“deceased” donor
“life” support	“mechanical” support
“life” support	“ventilator” support
“non-heart beating donation”	“donation after cardiac death”
“progressing to brain death”	“deteriorating to brain death”
“declare brain death”	“determine brain death”
“obtained consent”	“authorization given”
“got consent”	“authorization given”
“did a donor”	“facilitated a donation”
“donated body parts”	“donated organs and tissues”
“organ yield”	“donated organs”
“tissue processor”	“tissue preparation facility”
“processed tissue”	“prepared tissue”
“expired”, “passed”, “lost”	“died”
“committed suicide”	“died from suicide”