Deceased donor - definitions (and registration)

Potential donor (Donation realized: P - Potential donor):

DBD donor: A person whose clinical condition is suspected to fulfill brain death criteria, but is not (yet) accepted as a donor.

DCD donor: A person whose circulatory and respiratory functions have ceased and resuscitative measures are not to be attempted or continued or a person in whom the cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions is anticipated to occur within a time frame that will enable organ recovery.

Eligible donor (Donation realized: N - No):

A medical and clinical suitable person with consent to donation who has been declared dead based on neurological criteria as stipulated by the law of the relevant jurisdiction. However, no organs have been retrieved for the purpose of transplantation, due to clinical conditions.

Actual donor (Donation realized: Y - Yes):

A donor where an operative incision was made with the intent of organ recovery for the purpose of transplantation or at least one organ was retrieved for the purpose of transplantation

Utilized donor (Donation realized: Y - Yes):

An actual donor from whom at least one solid organ was transplanted.

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Version 1: September 25th, 2012
Version 2: April 15th, 2013 - Definition of actual donor rephrased
Version 3: March 1st, 2016 – Actual donor definition includes ‘operative incision was made with the intent of organ recovery for the purpose of transplantation’. Which means that the deceased donor definitions follow the WHO definitions
Version 4: February 3rd, 2017 – Definition of Potential DCD included