

Supplementary Material B - Focus Group Discussion Guide.

PART I QUESTIONS: DCDD IN GENERAL

1. *What do you think about the recovery of liver, kidney, and/ or other non-heart organs after circulatory/ heart death?*
 - a. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
2. *What do you think about the fact that the donor heart stops when the donor dies, and the heart is then removed and re-started outside the donor body and later transplanted into a recipient?*
3. *Do you believe that it is acceptable for a healthcare team to retrieve the heart of a donor after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using this approach, if being an organ donor was consistent with their wishes and values?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
4. *Would you be okay with your family member consenting to donating your liver, kidney, and/ or other non-heart organs after circulatory death (where the heart stops)?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
5. *If you were asked, would you consent to the donation of the liver, kidney, and/ or other non-heart organs of a family member after circulatory death (where the heart stops), if you knew that being an organ donor was in keeping with their wishes and values?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
6. *Do you have any concerns about the donation of organs after circulatory/ heart death?*
7. *Additional topics for follow-up questions:*
 - a. *[After a very brief explanation of Medical Assistance in Dying] How do you feel about organ donation in the context of medical assistance in dying (MAiD)?*

PART II QUESTIONS: DPP APPROACH

1. *What do you think about this approach to heart donation?*
2. *Do you find heart donation using this approach to be the same or different than the donation of other organs (like liver, kidneys, etc) as was previously described? How so?*
3. *Do you believe that it is acceptable for a healthcare team to retrieve the heart of a donor after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using the DPP approach, if being an organ donor was consistent with their wishes and values?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
4. *Would you be okay with your family member consenting to donating your heart after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using the DPP approach?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
5. *If you were asked, would you consent to the donation of the heart of a family member after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using the DPP approach, if you knew that being an organ donor was in keeping with their wishes and values?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
6. *Do you have any concerns about the donation the heart using this approach?*
7. *In this approach, the heart is removed from the body and its activity is restarted inside a storage device. What are your thoughts on this?*
8. *Additional topics for follow-up questions:*
 - a. *How do you feel about DPP in the context of medical assistance in dying (MAiD)?*
 - b. *Issues related to definition of death*
 - i. *Some have questioned whether the donor can really be dead if the heart can be restarted at all. How do you feel about this?*

PART III QUESTIONS: NRP APPROACH

1. *What do you think about this approach to heart donation?*
2. *Do you think heart donation using this approach is different than the donation of other organs (like liver, kidneys, etc) as was previously described? How so?*
3. *Do you think this approach is different than the first approach (DPP) discussed earlier? If so, how?*
4. *Do you believe that it is acceptable for a healthcare team to retrieve the heart of a donor after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using the NRP approach, if being an organ donor was consistent with their wishes and values?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
5. *What concerns do you have about the donation of the heart using the NRP approach?*
6. *Would you be okay with your family member consenting to donating your heart after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using the NRP approach?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
7. *If you were asked, would you consent to the donation of the heart of a family member after circulatory death (where the heart stops) using the NRP approach, if you knew that being an organ donor was in keeping with their wishes and values?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
8. *Do you have any concerns about the donation the heart using this approach?*
9. *What do you think about the ligation/ tying off of blood vessels that supply the brain? Does this concern you?*
 - a. *What if there is a small chance of a small amount of blood getting to the brain... does this change what you think about this approach?*
10. *Additional topics for follow-up questions:*
 - a. *How do you feel about NRP in the context of medical assistance in dying (MAiD)?*
 - b. *Issues related to definition of death*
 - i. *How do you understand & define death?*
 - ii. *Does the heart have special significance/ meaning to you? To members of the public?*
 - iii. *Some have questioned whether the donor can really be considered dead if the circulation/ heartbeat is restarted within the donor's body. How do you feel about this?*
 - iv. *Do you have any concerns about blood flow reaching the brain during this procedure? What if there was no blood flow to the brain? What if there was some blood flow to the brain? What if we didn't know whether there is any blood flow to the brain?*

PART IV QUESTIONS: IMPLEMENTATION

1. *Compared with heart donation after brain death, do you think that heart donation after circulatory/ heart death more concerning, less concerning, or no difference in level of concern?*
2. *What do you think about the DPP approach being done in Canada if it leads to more patients receiving a heart transplant sooner?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*

3. *What do you think about the NRP approach being done in Canada if it leads to more patients receiving a heart transplant sooner?*
 - a. *Why?*
 - b. *Why not?*
 - c. *[if undecided] What additional information would help you make a decision?*
4. *Are there any other comments or questions regarding this topic?*
5. *If your family member was at a hospital that does not allow for these protocols to be implemented, how would you feel about the possibility of having them transferred before death to a centre where these protocols can take place?*