

Special Issue

Clinical Practice of Death by Neurologic Criteria and Brain Death

Message from the Guest Editor

Death by neurologic criteria (DNC) is a form of death that has been part of clinical practice for more than four decades. DNC remains a cornerstone of modern neurocritical care. Yet, despite its longstanding acceptance, the clinical determination of DNC continues to generate focused attention as bedside practice evolves and clinicians integrate updated guidance into increasingly complex care environments. The relevance of DNC determination continues to grow as advances in life-sustaining technologies prolong physiologic support in patients with catastrophic brain injury. Clinicians must navigate confounders, physiologic instability, and multidisciplinary coordination while adhering to rigorous clinical standards. Variability in practice underscores the importance of shared clinical frameworks and quality-focused approaches. This Special Issue focuses on the clinical practice of DNC and seeks contributions that advance bedside care, including original research and quality improvement initiatives. By focusing on implementation and practice, this Special Issue aims to support clinicians in delivering accurate, consistent, and compassionate determination of death by neurologic criteria.

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