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ABSTRACT

Donation after circulatory death (DCD) is a valuable option for the procurement of organs for transplantation.

In Italy, organ procurement after controlled DCD (cDCD) is legally and ethically conceivable within the current legislative framework. However, although formal impediments do not exist, the healthcare team is faced with many obstacles that may hinder the implementation of such programs.

We report the case of Italy's first controlled donation after circulatory death, specifically discussing the role of the patient's family in the shared decision-making process.

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