

BRAIN DEATH – THE EUROPEAN POSITION

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Brain death is the irreversible break down of all brain functions, including brain stem functions with isoelectrical EEG and facultative proofed circulatory arrest. Clinically special attention should be paid to the possible occurrence of spinal reflexes and spinal automatisms. A clear differentiation must be established to locked-in syndrome and to apallic syndrome. This diagnostic basis is accepted in the whole of Europe, in the UK the term „brain stem death » officially is used. The waiting periode, the time between establishing the diagnosis and the withdrawal of supportive measures, extends in Europe from two to six hours, in special cases no waiting period is requested. The European consensus paper concerning brain death diagnostic directions is influenced by ethnical and religious differences. The Christian Orthodox community, being of great influence in Eastern Europe, demands to follow religious rules in details. In the Islamic ideology decisions taken by physicians are not generally accepted. Buddhism principally does not allow to live with an organ of another human being, or to donate an organ for implantation. Besides the religious differences rules of ethnic groups have to be considered. Another problem for European guidelines is the increasing wave to euthanasia and to the „end of life discussion » in some Western European countries. In Europe there are different basic rules regarding the organ donor. In Austria there is the principle rule that everybody is a potential donor unless he has a written statement (refusal) with him. The European consensus paper on brain death will be used as a basis for guidelines of the World Federation of Neurology.

February 23. Hall (Febrero 23. Salón 3)

Afternoon Session
(Sesión de la tarde)

Organ Donation – Donación de órganos

PRESIDENT: Raúl Herrera (Cuba) SECRETARY: René Ruiz (Cuba) TELLER: Enrique Rodríguez (Cuba)

14:30-15:20	AMANDO PARDO, MANUEL LESCAY, ANTIONA M. GONZALES, NORA LIM, MARTHA ORTIZ , EMILIO MORA Cuba	INTENSIVE CARE OF THE DONORS. EXPERIENCE OF THE ICU FROM THE HERMANOS AMEJEIRAS HOSPITAL <i>Cuidados intensivos del donante. Experiencias de la unidad de cuidados intensivos del Hospital Hermandos Ameijeiras</i>
15:20-15:40	J.L. Escalante, M.D. Escudero, M. Nolla M., A. Navarro Spain-España	BRAIN DEATH IN ICU. MULTICENTER STUDY Muerte encefálica en uci.- estudio multicentrico
15:40-16:00	Nancy Scheper-Huges USA	BODY TRADES: ON THE TRAIL OF ORGAN STEALING RUMORS <i>Comerico de órganos: Tras la pista de los rumores acerca del comercio de órganos</i>
10:20-10:40		DISCUSSION - Discusión
10:40-10:50		BREAK - Descanso

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Diagnostic brain death criteria – Criterios diagnósticos de muerte encefálica

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14:30-14:40	F. Gerstenbrand, H. Bauergartner, H. Binder, Ch.A. Stepan Austria	BRAIN DEATH – THE EUROPEAN POSITION <i>Muerte encefálica – la posición europea</i>
14:40-14.50	Raul Marino Brazil – Brasil	GUIDESLINES FOR EVALUATION OF BRAIN STEM DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL DAS CLÍNICAS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO <i>Líneamientos para la evaluación de le muerte de tronco encefálica en la Escuela de Medicina de la Universidad de São Paulo</i>
14:50-15:00	Kimmo Sainio Finland	NEW DEATH DEFINITION IN FINLAND, THE COUNTRY THAT FIRST ADOPTED BRAIN DEATH
15:00-15:10	I.D. Stulin, R. Musin, A. Mnushkin, M. Tardov, A. Shibalev, A. Sechkin Russia - Rusia	DIAGNOSIS AND CONFIRMATION OF BRAIN DEATH IN RUSSIA <i>Diagnóstico y confirmación de la muerte encefálica</i>



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