ANATOMICAL GIFT/ DONOR CARD SEARCH

**Indications**

- Conducting a “reasonable search” on an unconscious adult patient for whom it appears death is imminent for the purpose of locating documents to identify organ donation requests

- Conduct the search in the presence of a witness not involved in the search, preferable a law enforcement officer

**Critical Information**

- This procedure shall be secondary to the requirement that ambulance or emergency personnel provide emergency services to the patient

**If the individual is declared or pronounced dead in the field**

- The coroner or law enforcement officer should perform the search instead of prehospital personnel

**If prehospital personnel searched the patient before arrival of law enforcement/coroner**

- Notification of such search must be disclosed when law enforcement and/or coroner arrive at the scene

- Documentation of donor status must remain with the patient
- Notify the receiving hospital if documentation of donor status is located