



# New York State Collaborative The Donor Honor Walk

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# A Chance to Honor the Donor and Family

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8j5oWqLHs0&feature=youtu.be>

# Benefits

- Honors the Donor's Life and Gift
- Shows Respect for the Family
- Engages of Donor Hospital Staff
- Affirms of Support of Donation
- Generates Conversation!



# Challenges

- Authorization from the family
  - Privacy no longer guaranteed
  - Media potential, especially social media
  - Filming the Walk is a family choice
- Signed Release Form
  - Hospital; if hospital PR Dept. involved
  - OPO; ensure families understand

***Cannot perform and Honor Walk based on verbal communication alone!***

# Challenges



- Assembling the Walk – Heavy Lift!
  - Contacting senior hospital administration
  - Announcing the walk to hospital staff
  - Staff understanding of the Honor Walk
  - Gathering the hospital staff

# What's next



- Development of a standing Honor Walk authorization form (currently utilizing generic media release form)

- Spreading to other hospitals

Honor Walks have been performed 3 more times (UVMMC, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Utica, Ellis Hospital Schenectady since August 25)

- Hospital Education and Engagement



Thank you!

**QUESTIONS / FEEDBACK**