HONOR WALK
SAMPLE FAMILY RESOURCE

The act of saving lives through organ donation is an incredible and rare gift. [Hospital Name] would be honored to offer an Honor Walk on behalf of your loved one as the decision has been made to share life through organ donation to those who await a life-giving transplant. An honor walk invites hospital team members to participate in an atmosphere of silent respect through the display of physical solidarity. Hospital team members stand in stillness along the hospital hallway from the intensive care unit to the operating room [or designated area] as you, your family and/or friends accompany your loved one’s transfer at the time of recovery.

This Honor Walk is completely voluntary and requires your express consent if you wish to proceed. If you would like us to coordinate an Honor Walk for your loved one, please let a member of your care team know.

Should you want an Honor Walk, here is what you can expect:

• A member of the hospital team will coordinate the Honor Walk in collaboration with LifeSource

• When it is time to transport your loved one from the ICU to the OR, the hospital staff will line the halls and be quietly present to honor your loved one and your family for sharing the gift of life.

• You are welcome to invite family and friends to be a part of this honoring moment. As you share logistics, please note there are potential timing updates: a member of the care team will make every effort to keep you updated

• As a family member, you can choose to take photos/videos of the Honor Walk. If this is something you are considering, we ask the following:
  • [Outline specific hospital policy/preferences regarding photo/video]

• The Honor Walk will commence when [outline when this will end – may want to consider DCD vs. BD expectations]

If you have questions regarding the Honor Walk at any time, please connect with a member of your care team.

Thank you for this opportunity to care for your loved one and your family.