



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## When Are You Dead?

In the old days, you were dead when your heart stopped. Then came “brain-death,” a declaration of death *with* a beating heart. Standards for declaring brain death have come from the medical community, but families are challenging these declarations and it turns out the standards aren't so standard. They vary by hospital.

Now consider “beating heart donors,” whose organs are taken while their heart still beats. Anesthesiologists are troubled by patients gasping or reacting to the scalpel, and by hypertension that needs to be treated during the extraction of organs. The transplant industry is a \$20 billion a year business. Get informed before you're trying to save your loved one from being harvested while still alive.

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