

# Considerations for tissue recovery

- Tissues must be recovered within 15-24 hours depending on cooling.
  - First incision must happen within 15 hours if the patient has not been cooled.
- Acceptable cooling methods include:
  - Mechanical refrigeration – such as a morgue/cooler
  - Cold room
  - Ice bags – placed on or next to the body of the donor (under arms, groin area, etc.)
- Recovery can take 3-9 hours
  - Full reconstruction of the body is always completed out of respect for the donor and closure for technicians.
  - Open casket viewing possible for tissue donors.

