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.