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Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

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Controlled donation after cardiac death (DCD) is more complex ethically and operationally than donation after brain death (DBD). DCD entails, for instance, greater complexity concerning (1) the range and kinds of decisions required by patients, surrogates, hospitals and health care professionals, (2) consent procedures and (3) modification of the dying process for the benefit of strangers and the community. Moreover, DCD poses different ethical concerns for different types of donors, for example: children vs. adults; conscious vs. unconscious persons; and persons with certain and uncertain diagnoses and prognoses.

Which differences in the types of potential donors are morally relevant? Which create different sets of opportunities and call for different protections? We identify the chain of decisions that patients and surrogates must make when choosing controlled DCD and the applicable ethical principles that ought to guide the various decisions. We offer strategies to protect the interests of different types of potential DCD donors and to manage the competing interests of transplant hospitals and health care professionals.

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