To minimise the warm ischaemic injury in DCDD retrieved organs, there is an acceptable time limit in which cessation of circulation should occur after withdrawal of cardio-respiratory support (WCRS) depending on the organ being considered, as follows: Australia:

- liver, pancreas: <30 minutes from WCRS to cold perfusion
- heart: <30 minutes from when systolic blood pressure falls below 90 mmHg following WCRS to cold perfusion
- kidneys: <60 minutes from when systolic blood pressure falls below 50 mmHg post WCRS to cold perfusion
- lungs: <90 minutes from when systolic blood pressure falls below 50 mmHg post WCRS to cold perfusion New Zealand:
- liver: ≤30 minutes from WCRS to cold perfusion
- kidneys, Lungs: ≤90 minutes from WCRS to death