There are some aspects of 'agreement to proceed' that are specific to DCDD.

- For coroners' cases, consent for retrieval of organs for transplantation is required from the coroner. In some jurisdictions, the coroner may wish to withhold consent until circulatory arrest, although conditional approval will have been given before withdrawal of treatment.
- The designated officer (in Australia) needs to be fully aware of all relevant details before treatment is withdrawn, in order to authorise removal of tissue (including organs) immediately after death has been determined.