

Brain death: The need for sufficient and necessary cause. Apropos of a complete deafferentation case from Guillain Barre syndrome Muerte encefálica: la necesidad de una causa suficiente y necesaria. A propósito de un caso de deafferentación completa por

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Brain death is a valid cause of death certification in a patient, especially in terms of organ donation.

There are few situations in which the legislator has proposed further examination for certification.

We report the case of a patient with Guillain Barré syndrome, which came to simulate a state of

brain death due to motor impairment in full, including intrinsic ocular muscles. The lack of a

necessary and sufficient condition for declaring the patient's death led to request additional

examinations, in this case an electroencephalogram, which determine the normality of brain

electrical activity. It emphasizes the need to comply strictly with the criteria for determining brain

death and not to request additional examinations inhibited in a position of doubt, even though the

law does not always contemplated.