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An Evidence Base for Practice

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- What is the historical and social context that shapes our attitudes towards organ and tissue donation?
- How do the bereavement experiences of organ donor families differ from other types of bereavement?
- How can health and social care professionals support bereaved families leading up to, during and after organ and tissue donation?

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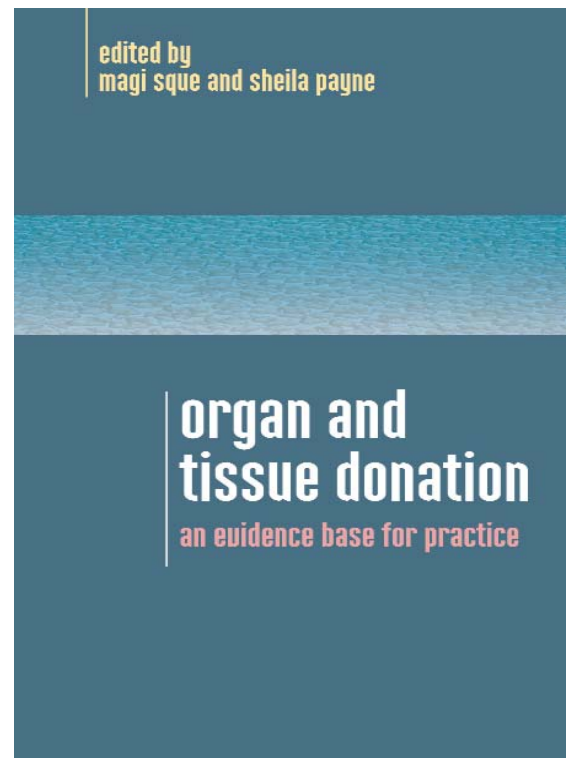
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- Analysis of how human organ and tissue donation is currently understood
- The social theories that help explain the donation event and families' and health professionals' experiences of it

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