


Tissue Referral Process

Call the Maryland Donor Referral Line:

- For any patient in the hospital who has died

Please allow Living Legacy Foundation staff to discuss donation options with the family




Call early . . . Call often!

Referral Criteria for Potential Donors:

- Mechanical Ventilation
- A Glasgow Coma Scale of 5 or less
- Or prior to discussing withdrawing support

- Tissue Donors- anyone who has died


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If I am an organ donor, will my care be compromised?

No -


It is against the law for a transplant physician to take part in you care prior to your declaration of death. Donation becomes an option **ONLY** after all life-saving efforts have been made and death is declared.



Is there a cost to donate?

No -


There is no cost to the donor's family for organ or tissue donation.



Can an organ/tissue donor have an open casket funeral?

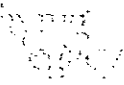

Yes -

Organ and tissue donation is a dignified process which does not disfigure the body.





Organ and Tissue Donation 101

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The Need

As of January 14, 2007


Total Patients	Local	National	% of National Waiting list
Waiting	1,361	74,162	
Kidney			1.84%
Liver	452	16,602	2.72%
Kidney/Pancreas	44	2,267	1.94%
Pancreas	45	1,631	2.76%
Heart	49	2,686	1.82%
Lung	84	2,218	3.79%
Heart/Lung	3	103	2.91%

NOTE: The population served by the Living Legacy Foundation is 1.25% of US population.
Total may be less than the sum due to patients included in multiple categories.




110 patients will be added to the waiting list by this time tomorrow

17 patients will die waiting for an organ transplant by this time tomorrow




The William H. Amoss Act (MD State Legislation 1998)

- Refer all deaths
- Policies supporting organ and tissue donation
- Death record reviews
- Request for donation made by OPO



Two Forms of Organ Donation

- Brain Dead Organ Donation**
 - Suffered an un-survivable neurological injury.
 - Patients on mechanical ventilation
 - Glasgow Coma Scale of 5 or less
 - Can potentially donate 7 solid organs and tissues
- Organ Donation after Cardiac Death**
 - Patients on mechanical ventilation
 - Devastating neurological injury, respiratory injury or spinal injury
 - Families for whom the decision to withdraw life-sustaining therapy must be made
 - Can potentially donate 4 solid organs and tissues



Living Legacy – During Donation

- Lead discussion of donation options with the family in conjunction with attending MD or Nurse
- Provide a dedicated Social Work resource to the family - whether donation occurs or not
- Provide clinical management for the consented donor
- Facilitate organ placement to recipients
- Coordinate transplant professionals
- Continue to support the family



The Recovery Process

Organ Recovery

- donor hospital
- operating room
- scrub nurse/tech
- circulating nurse
- anesthesiologist
- TRC staff
 - Clinical Coordinator
 - Surgical Specialist
 - Transplant Surgeons



Living Legacy – After Donation

- Provide family follow-up - Facilitate donor/recipient meetings and/or communication
- Provide follow-up to hospital staff - Outcome of donations
- Facilitate payment (from Living Legacy) for all donation related expenses



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Organs that can be transplanted:
Heart, Lung, Kidney, Pancreas, Liver, Intestine

Heart

- Can be transplanted
- Transplanted heart can be used for up to 10 years
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Pancreas

- Can be transplanted
- Transplanted pancreas can be used for up to 10 years
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Kidney

- Can be transplanted
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Lung

- Can be transplanted
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Intestine

- Can be transplanted
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Liver

- Can be transplanted
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Tissue Donation

- Tissue donation can occur after brain death or cardiac death has been declared
- Each potential tissue donor is evaluated on an individual basis
- Individual tissues for donation have specific age criteria, and some have gender-specific criteria



Does my religion approve of donation?

- Most major religions approve of organ and tissue donation as a charitable act.
- We advise family members' to speak with their spiritual leaders if they have any further questions.
- Individual's choice.



How do I become an organ donor?

- Sign your drivers license/state ID.
- Sign a donor card – the Maryland Donor Registry. Please visit www.thellf.org for more information.
- Tell your family!

