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Agency for Health Care Administration
Organ & Tissue Donor Program
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Tallahassee, Florida 32308

ORGAN, TISSUE & EYE RECOVERY CENTERS

Additional information may be obtained from
Florida Coalition On Donation at 1-877-357-4273
or from the recovery center nearest you.

CENTRAL FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK, INC., TAMPA
1-800-277-2020

CENTRAL FLORIDA TISSUE BANK, INC., ORLANDO
1-800-753-9109

FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK, MIAMI
1-305-324-4340 or 1-800-255-4483

LIFE ALLIANCE ORGAN
RECOVERY AGENCY, MIAMI
1-800-232-2892

LIFELINK OF FLORIDA, TAMPA
1-800-262-5775

LIFELINK TISSUE BANK, TAMPA
1-813-886-8111

LIFEQUEST, ORGAN RECOVERY SERVICES, GAINESVILLE
1-352-338-7133 or 1-800-535-GIVE

MEDICAL EYE BANK OF FLORIDA, ORLANDO
1-407-422-2020

NORTH FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK, JACKSONVILLE,
GAINESVILLE, TALLAHASSEE, PENSACOLA
AND OTHER NORTHERN FLORIDA AREAS
1-800-822-GIVE

SOUTHEAST TISSUE ALLIANCE, GAINESVILLE
1-904-462-3097 or 1-800-535-GIVE

TRANS LIFE ORGAN, TISSUE AND
TRANSPLANT SERVICES, ORLANDO
1-800-443-6667

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OR www.FLORIDAHEALTHSTAT.com

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BE AN ORGAN & TISSUE DONOR



YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

Approximately 16 people die every day because of the lack of donors. Donation of vital organs, tissue and eyes can save lives where no other hope is available. Heart, liver, lung and kidney transplants save lives everyday. Additionally, bone, skin and cornea transplants often restore sight and save burn victims.

How CAN I HELP?

Under Florida law:

- Indicate your desire to donate organs, tissue and eyes on your driver's license or state identification card and become a part of the statewide donor registry
- Tell your nearest relative or legal guardian
- Donate a minimum of \$1 to fund organ and tissue donor education
- **DO ALL THE ABOVE**

IS THERE REALLY A NEED FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONORS?

Yes. In Florida there are now thousands more people awaiting transplants than there are donors available to provide the needed organs and tissue. Your donation could be the most precious gift someone ever receives.

CAN ANYONE BECOME AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR?

Almost anyone can be an organ and tissue donor regardless of age or previous illness. The acceptability of the donation is determined at the time of the donor's death.

How Do I BECOME A DONOR?

- Tell your nearest relative or legal guardian
- Identify yourself as a donor on your driver's license or state identification card

CAN I CHANGE MY MIND LATER?

Yes. Simply tell your nearest relative or legal guardian and have your driver's license or state identification card changed at the nearest Driver's License Office.

WILL THERE EVER BE A CHOICE BETWEEN SAVING MY LIFE AND USING MY ORGANS AND TISSUE FOR TRANSPLANTATION?

No. Donation occurs only after all efforts to save your life have been exhausted and death has been legally declared.

WHO WILL RECEIVE MY ORGANS AND TISSUE?

Organs and tissue are given to people who need them urgently. Blood type, tissue type and body size determine who will receive the donation.

CAN I SPECIFY WHO WILL GET MY ORGANS AND TISSUE?

Yes. You can leave your organs and tissue to specific people, but you may not leave organs and tissue to a specific race, creed, religion, etc.

IS THERE ANY COST IF I DECIDE TO BECOME AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR?

No. There is absolutely no cost to you or your family if you become an organ or tissue donor.

CAN A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE BE A DONOR?

Yes. However, your custodial parent or legal guardian must sign as a witness.

CAN I LIMIT THE ORGANS AND TISSUE I DONATE?

Yes. Simply write in which organs or tissue you wish to donate on the registration form provided.

WILL ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AFFECT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS?

No. It will not interfere with customary funeral arrangements.

DOES MY RELIGION APPROVE OF DONATION?

Major religions approve of organ and tissue donation. If you have other questions, please consult your religious leaders.

HOW CAN I MAKE SURE THAT DOCTORS KNOW I WANT TO DONATE?

Fill out the registration form in this pamphlet and turn it in at any Florida Driver's License Office. The examiner will put the words "ORGAN DONOR" on your driver's license or state identification card, and your name will be added to the Florida Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

This is a legal document under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act or similar laws. Chapter 765, Part V, Florida Statutes. For more information, consult one of the organizations on the back. Sponsored by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Agency for Health Care Administration.

DONOR FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

State Driver License # _____

Social Security # _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex: Male Female
(ex. 01/15/2000)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In the hope that I may help others, I hereby make this organ and tissue gift, if medically acceptable, to take effect upon my death.

The words and marks (or notations) below indicate my desires.

Default choice is (A). **You may only select one of the options**

below. I give:

A - any needed organs or tissue

B - only the following organs or tissue for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, medical research or education:

C - my body for anatomical study if needed.

Limitations or special wishes, if any, list below:

NEAREST RELATIVE INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Donor Signature Date _____

Witness Signature Date _____

Witness (Parent or Guardian if under 18) Date _____