

OUR COMMITMENT

Iowa Donor Network (IDN) is committed to working together to transform lives through organ and tissue donation. We cannot do this alone!

IDN works with physicians, nurses, social workers, and other healthcare professionals in more than 120 hospitals across the state. We partner with medical examiners, EMS professionals, law enforcement, and funeral directors. We have liaisons who work at the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner. We also work collaboratively with the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB). Together, we provide support to families and save and enhance the lives of many!

Our staff appreciates EVERYONE'S assistance in honoring the wishes of donors and their families and facilitating donation throughout Iowa.

YOUR ROLE IS VITAL

EMS, Fire & Rescue, and Law Enforcement all play a crucial role in the tissue and eye donation process. By referring ALL scene deaths to IDN within one hour of time of death or as soon as leaving the scene, you ensure all Iowans are given the opportunity to leave a legacy through the gift of donation.

HIPAA EXEMPT

Healthcare providers are protected by HIPAA Section 164.512 to "disclose protected health information to organ procurement organizations...for the purpose of facilitating organ, tissue, or eye donation and transplantation."

EMS RUN REPORT

IDN requires documentation of all medical interventions performed on a potential donor to facilitate organ, tissue, and eye donation. Run reports may be requested from any prehospital agency that participated in the care of a patient that becomes an organ or tissue donor, even if that agency was not responsible for transport.

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Education

IDN can provide FREE CEHs with education. Visit our website for information.

Resources

For free informational resources, click on the Resources tab, Professional Partners and choose Emergency Responders.

Register

Registering is easy. Just visit our website!

YOUR ROLE IN DONATION

*A Guide for EMS,
Fire & Rescue,
and Law Enforcement*



IOWA BUREAU OF EMS PROTOCOL

The IDPH Statewide EMS Treatment Protocols, in "Guidelines for EMS Provider Initiating Organ & Tissue Donation at the Scene", make contacting IDN part of patient care when at the scene of a deceased person.

August 22, 2007, my son, Jesse, suffered a traumatic brain injury and was declared brain dead. On August 23, my wife and I met with staff from Iowa Donor Network to discuss organ donation. We received so much support from the IDN staff.

I have served in EMS for approximately 28 years. EMS has a huge connection to Jesse being able to be an organ donor. Following his accident, EMS providers kept him alive, which contributed to him being able to give the gift of life.



Using this tragic event to help others has helped us with our own grieving process. We still miss Jesse and still do things to honor him. Donation has changed our lives and has helped us to understand the importance of that decision.

John Jorgensen, Paramedic

What can be donated?

