

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARE FUNERAL PLANS DELAYED?

Once organs and tissues are recovered, the donor is returned to the family's funeral home of choice. Donation does not affect customary funeral activities, therefore an open casket funeral or viewing is possible.

WILL THERE BE FOLLOW-UP FOR THE FAMILY?

IDN has a support program for families and provides grief materials and resources. Donor Family Advocates may also provide information on donation outcomes, follow up with families through letters and phone calls, and invitations to special recognition events.

WILL THERE BE A COST FOR DONATION?

There is no cost to the donor family for donation-related expenses or procedures.

AM I TOO SICK TO DONATE?

Many medical conditions still allow for donation. Please let Iowa Donor Network's screening process determine whether or not donation is possible.

WHAT CAN BE DONATED?

ORGANS

- Heart
- Lungs
- Liver
- Kidneys
- Pancreas
- Small Bowel

TISSUES

- Bone
- Connective Tissue
- Skin
- Heart Valves
- Vessels
- Adipose

EYES

- Cornea
- Sclera
- Whole Globe

TRANSPLANT AND RESEARCH

Every effort is made to transplant donated organs, tissues and eyes. However, if the gift cannot be transplanted, it may be used for education and research to advance medical science and contribute to the development of new treatments and cures.

EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

Iowa Donor Network offers free continuing education and informational resources for all health care providers. Call (800) 831-4131 for more information.

Iowa Donor Registry
To register as an organ, tissue and eye donor visit IowaDonorRegistry.org



www.IowaDonorNetwork.org



YOUR ROLE IN REFERRING

A Guide for Hospice and Long Term Care



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DONOR NETWORK

24 HOUR REFERRAL LINE

800.831.4131

OUR COMMITMENT

Iowa Donor Network is committed to transforming lives through organ and tissue donation, and we rely upon your support. We depend on service provider professionals across the state to help us carry out this mission.

Our organization works with physicians, nurses, social workers and other healthcare professionals in more than 100 hospitals across the state. Together, we provide support to families and save and enhance lives through organ and tissue donation. We work collaboratively with the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB).

IDN also partners with Hospice providers, Long Term Care providers, Medical Examiners, Emergency Medical Services professionals, Law Enforcement and Funeral Directors. Our staff appreciates their assistance in honoring donors' wishes and facilitating donation throughout Iowa.

**"We make a living
by what we get, but
we make a life by
what we give."**

—Winston Churchill

YOUR ROLE IS VITAL

Health care providers play a crucial role in the tissue and eye donation process. By referring ALL deaths to IDN, you ensure all Iowans are given the opportunity to leave a legacy through the gift of donation.

Upon admission, we encourage the health care team to provide the patient and family members an IDN brochure and explain the opportunity for donation. We ask that the health care team member call IDN within one hour of death.

IDN IS HIPAA EXEMPT

Health care providers are protected by HIPAA Section 164.512: "To disclose protected health information for the purpose of facilitating organ, tissue or eye donation and transplantation."

PATIENT ADVOCACY

The health care team is an advocate for the patient's final wishes. Your skill set is essential to support the patient and family's wishes related to organ and tissue donation.

REFER ALL DEATHS

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Provide the following information to the IDN Communication Center, if known:

- Your name, agency, location (specific if a home death), and a call back number.
- Patient's name, DOB, age, sex, race, height and weight.
- Patient's known medical conditions and current medications.
- Medical interventions provided.
- Patient's time of death or last known time alive.
- Patient's next of kin.
- Whether the medical examiner has jurisdiction.
- Funeral home name.

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