Know the Facts

of Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation



Anyone can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, regardless of age, race or medical history.



The first-person authorization registry upholds an individual's right to make his or her decision regarding organ and tissue donation, and no one may overturn another individual's decision.



An individual's donor status does not affect medical care. Every effort will be made by medical professionals to save lives before donation is considered and a separate transplant team is notified.



With the exception of living donation, organ, eye and tissue donation does not become an option until death has been declared.



Most major religions around the world support donation and view it as a final act of love and generosity.



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



An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.



Donors and their families are treated with the utmost care, respect and dignity throughout the donation process.



A living donor can also save lives by donating a kidney or a part of the liver, intestine, lung or pancreas.

