ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONATION FACTS





When it comes to organ, eye and tissue donation, there are many commonly asked questions. Get the answers below!

ANYONE OF ANY AGE, REGARDLESS OF MEDICAL HISTORY, CAN DONATE LIFE

Anyone can be considered for organ and/or tissue donation, regardless of age or medical history. The oldest recorded organ donor in the U.S. was 95 and many people over the age of 100 have donated tissue. Even those with diabetes, HIV, and hepatitis become donors. Never rule yourself out because of age or medical history.



DONOR REGISTRATION IS LEGALLY BINDING

Registering as an organ, eye, and tissue donor is a legally binding document of gift for anyone over the age of 18 that can't be revoked and does not require the authorization of any other person. If a person is not a registered donor prior to death their legal next-of-kin will have the opportunity to authorize donation on behalf of their loved one. We highly encourage people to talk to their families about their donation decision.



THERE IS NO COST FOR DONATION

There is no cost to the donor or their family for organ, eye, and tissue donation. The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) covers all charges related to organ and tissue recovery.



DONOR REGISTRATION DOESN'T IMPACT MEDICAL CARE

Hospital and emergency personnel are only concerned with saving your life. They do not have access to the confidential donor registry database to even check for donor registration, nor do they make any determination as to whether someone is able to donate. The OPO assesses for donation suitability only after all life-saving measures and treatments have been given and there is no chance for survival.



ONE DONOR CAN SAVE & HEAL MANY LIVES

A single organ donor can save up to 8 people and a single tissue donor can heal 50-300 people. Register to save lives at IowaDonorNetwork.org.

