



A Gift of Life

There are thousands of Canadians who are waiting for a transplant to save or improve their lives. Unfortunately, many Canadians die because there are not enough organs donated.

How can I help?

By signing a donation card, you could help save someone's life. Sign the card below, and tell your family your wishes. By sharing your decision, they can act on your behalf following death. You can also wear a green ribbon to show your support for organ and tissue donation.

Would I be a suitable organ or tissue donor?

When you die, doctors will assess your physical health to determine if you are a suitable donor. In order to donate organs, you must die in a hospital while attached to a ventilator. This ensures your organs are suitable for transplantation. If you die at home or before reaching a hospital, you can donate your tissues.

What organs and tissues can I donate?

You may be able to donate your kidneys, heart, liver, lungs, bowel, and pancreas. Tissues can also be donated: corneas, fromeyes, heart valves, veins, skin, and bone.

Is there any chance a doctor will have to choose between saving my life and obtaining organs or tissues for someone else?

Absolutely not. Doctors who care for seriously-injured patients have only one concern - to save you. Transplant doctors only become involved after all attempts to save your life have failed and you have died.

How do families feel about donation after they have been through the experience?

Almost all families feel that donation has helped ease their grief. Very often organ and tissue donation allows family members to feel that something positive has resulted from their loss.

DONOR CARD

Please keep this card with your personal identification.

In the event of my death, I consent to donate the following in the hope that I may help others:

- any needed organs or tissue
- only the following organs/tissue (specify):

DONOR'S NAME

DONOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

WITNESS' SIGNATURE



DONOR NOTIFICATION CARD

Please give this card to your loved one.

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