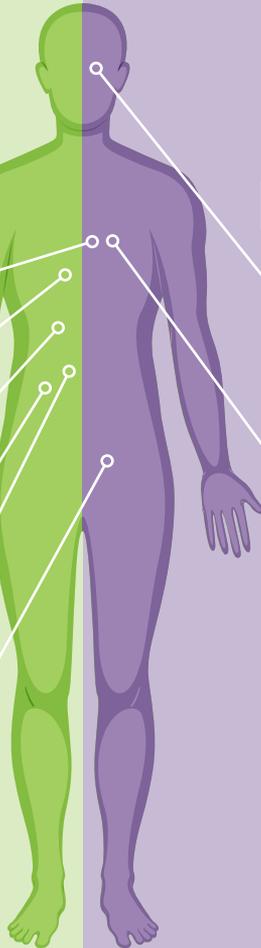


ABOUT ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

More than 6.5 million people in Illinois and 3.8 million people in Indiana have registered as organ and tissue donors. While nearly everyone can be a tissue donor, only three in one thousand can become organ donors when they die. With the generosity of donors, their families and partners like you who support the gift of donation, we rewrite the ending of a person's story, extend and enhance the lives of people waiting for a transplant and provide hope and comfort to the donor's family.

WHAT ORGANS CAN BE DONATED?

- HEART
- LUNGS
- LIVER
- KIDNEYS
- PANCREAS
- INTESTINES



WHAT TISSUE CAN BE DONATED?

- CORNEA
- TENDONS
- VALVES
- VEINS
- SKIN
- BONES

WHAT IS FIRST-PERSON AUTHORIZATION

First-Person Authorization is an individual's decision to be an organ and tissue donor upon his/her death.

The Illinois Anatomical Gift Act and the Indiana Uniform Anatomical Gift Act protect the rights of eligible persons to make a biological gift, while living, to be enacted upon their death regardless of objections posed by others.

TWO ORGAN DONATION SCENARIOS

DONATION AFTER BRAIN DEATH (DBD)

Brain death occurs when the brain, including the brain stem, is totally and irreversibly non-functional. Brain death is death.

- Brain death is declared by a hospital physician after a series of neurological exams are consistent with brain death.
- After brain death declaration, Gift of Hope discusses donation with the family and assumes medical management of the donor.
- A variety of organ specific diagnostic testing is performed and organs are placed for transplant.
- The deceased donor is transferred to the hospital operating room and remains on a ventilator with intact heart rate and blood pressure until organs are recovered.

DONATION AFTER CIRCULATORY DEATH (DCD)

Circulatory death occurs when a person's heart stops and cannot be resuscitated.

- Neurological exam is not consistent with brain death. Withdrawal of life sustaining therapies is planned.
- After a decision to withdraw life sustaining therapies is made, Gift of Hope discusses donation with the family.
- Life-sustaining therapies are withdrawn and comfort care is ordered by a hospital physician. Upon the patient's death, cardiac death is declared by a hospital physician. Organs are then recovered in the hospital's operating room.