



Life is precious ... Too precious to be lost to Organ failure

Yet millions of lives are lost while waiting for transplant

Medical advances in the field of transplant immunology & organ preservation have made it possible to transplant Organs-Tissues

Share Our **GOAL ... Gift Organ-Tissue & Appreciate Life**

Pledge To Donate ... Today



YES .. I PLEDGE MY ORGAN-TISSUE FOR DONATION

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Organ-Tissue Donation

Let Us Know Important Facts

What is 'Organ-Tissue Donation ...

- The process of removing healthy Organs-Tissues from a live person or deceased person (strictly as per THOA 1994, 2011) to transplant in a critically ill person, who is nearing or is at end-life stage.
- An Organ-Tissue transplant can dramatically improve or save someone's life, but they depend entirely on the humane spirit & courage of donors and their families.

Who can be a Donor ...

- Any body regardless of age, race, religion or gender ... Except those suffering from life threatening disease/infection
- **Medical acceptability of the Organ-Tissue matters**, not the age of the donor

Various Types of Donation ...

- Living-Related (**Strictly follow THOA**) ... One Kidney, Part Liver, Part Pancreas
- Brain-Stem Death ... Organs, Tissues (Corneas, Heart Valves, Bones, Skin, Blood Vessels)
- Normal Death ... Tissues (Corneas, Heart Valves, Bones, Skin, Blood Vessel)

Brain-Stem Death vs Coma ...

Brain Stem Death is an irreversible & permanent cessation of all brain functions. Vital body functions are artificially supported for a short time through a ventilator that pumps oxygen to the heart, enabling it to beat, BUT ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME. This maintains oxygenation & blood supply to vital organs, making it possible to harvest them.

Coma is a state of deep unconsciousness where brain continues to function & the person can breathe on his own. There are chances of reversal from coma.

To establish Brain-Stem Death ...

A Team of Doctors qualified & declared appropriately competent for this purpose, conduct a series of recommended tests. These tests are conducted twice, at a gap of 6 hours. Legal time of death is accepted as the time when 2nd set of tests are conducted.

'Organ-Tissue Donation' Consent ... as soon as the death is established

Whether in 'Brain-Stem Death' or 'Normal Death' ... consent for donation, if intended, should be given at the earliest. Once 'Brain-Stem Death' is established, further artificial support is futile. It can actually be an added emotional & financial drain.

It is about **Appreciating Life, Even In Death** and making **The Green Gift Of Life.**

Pledge To Be A Donor ... Today



Organ-Tissue Donation Let Us Clarify Myths, Fears & Doubts

Body disfigurement ...

NO ... The retrieval surgeries are performed with utmost care & dignity.

If I have pledged, doctors may not try enough to save me ...

The Doctors' focus is patient's life. They would do everything possible to save patient's life.

My Loved-One's Heart is beating. Why are you asking for donation ...

The heart has its own pacemaker independent of the brain. In case of "Brain-Stem Death", external ventilator is providing oxygen to heart, enabling it to beat. But this is only for a short time. Eventually, the heart will stop, despite being on maximum life support machines.

Extra expense for Family ...

NONE ... From the time, family agrees for organ donation until the deceased body is handed over, all expenses are borne by the hospital.

Religion & Faith ...

All religions advocate & endorse 'GIVING' & 'DONATING'. And 'Donating Organ-Tissue' is inarguably the most courageous act of 'GIVING'. Please speak to your Faith Leader for more.

Funeral would be delayed ...

Yes, the funeral might be delayed ... But the **cause is too noble.**

Once I pledge, I can't change my mind ...

'Organ & Tissue Donation' Pledge is an **expression of interest, not legally binding.** You can withdraw anytime. Just inform your family, tear off your Donor Card & de-register.

Since I have pledged, my family's permission may not be taken ...

Your family's permission is vital & would ultimately prevail. Therefore it is highly advisable that you should sensitize & request them to honour your 'Organ-Tissue Donation' Pledge.

In case of 'Normal Death' at home or elsewhere, donation is not possible ...

Corneas (Eye) can be retrieved anywhere even by a qualified technician from a registered Eye-Bank or hospital. For other tissues, the deceased body has to be brought to the nearest empanelled hospital where Heart Valves, Bones, Skin etc. can be retrieved.

Organ-Tissue Transplant allocation ...

A patient's income/status has no bearing on allocation. The severity of illness, time spent waiting, blood type, medical profiling & compatibility etc. determine allocation.

THOA (Transplant of Human Organs Act) 1994 ; THOA (Amended) Act, 2011 &

Transplantation of Human Organs & Tissues Rules, 2014

Govern the 'Organ-Tissue Donation' process in India.

Please visit <http://notto.nic.in/act-end-rules-of-thoa.htm>