

## Tissue Donation Process

	<b>Regional Tissue Bank</b>	<b>Frontline Health Professionals (Nurses, Physicians, Paramedics)</b>
<b>Identification of Potential Tissue Donor</b>		Recognize potential donor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac death has occurred or decision has been made to withdraw care and this has been discussed with the family.</li> <li>• Person is 80 years or younger.</li> <li>• Time of death is known.</li> </ul>
<b>Consult Regional Tissue Bank Specialist</b>		Contact the Regional Tissue Bank Specialist on call 902-473-2220 and provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential donor name</li> <li>• Date of birth and age</li> <li>• Health card registration number</li> <li>• Hospital unit number (if applicable)</li> <li>• Cause of death</li> <li>• Time of death</li> <li>• Next of kin name and contact information</li> </ul> You can also call anytime with questions.
<b>Rapid Screen</b>	A rapid screen will be conducted to determine suitability for donation. Additional information may be requested of hospital staff (e.g. past medical history, ventilation, autopsy, etc).	
<b>Preparation for donation</b>	Tissue specialists obtain consent and medical/social history from family.	Care for the remains while waiting for tissue retrieval by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting polysporin drops in the eyes</li> <li>• Placing ice packs on the eyes</li> <li>• Documenting in chart the time these activities occurred</li> </ul>
<b>Organ and Tissue Donor Registry</b>	Tissue Bank Specialist can access the MSI donor registry if needed to confirm whether the person was registered as a donor.	Contact the Tissue Bank Specialist on call if the patient's donor status is requested by the family.
<b>Coordination</b>	Tissue Bank Specialist will complete all medical screening to determine eligibility to donate, including consent, hospital chart review, donor medical social questionnaire, book	

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	<p>operating room, transfer, liaison with hospital contact and Medical Examiners office.</p> <p>If recovery is to take place in the local hospital you will be contacted by the Tissue Bank with specific Operating Room needs.</p>	