

# Middlesex Hospital Alliance

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Patient Education Guide
Have you considered
Tissue & organ donation?

## Donated Tissue is used for?

- Restructuring bones and joints.
- Repairing damaged hearts.
- Renewing eyesight.
- For saving victims of burns.

#### WHY?

- Tissue donation can make a difference in a person's life.
- Operations are being delayed or cancelled because need is greater then the amount of donations
- Studies show that tissue and organ donations can provide immediate comfort and long lasting consolation to family members in their grieving.

## WHAT?

One donor can provide tissue for as many as 75 recipients

## Organs used?

- Heart
- Lung
- Liver
- Kidneys
- Pancreas
- Small bowel
- Stomach



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## Types of Tissues used:

- Corneas
- Skin
- Bone
- Cardiovascular Tissue
- Tendons

## How Do I Become a Donor?

- Sign your tissue and organ donor card at time of drivers license renewal.
- Sign up online at www.giftoflife.on.ca.
- Talk to your family about your decision.
- Talk to your doctor and or nurse about your decision.

#### WHO?

• Everyone is a potential tissue donor regardless of age.

Sign a Tissue and Organ Donor card and talk to your family.

For more information go to Trillium Gift of Life Network at <a href="https://www.giftoflife.on.ca">www.giftoflife.on.ca</a>