



Donation 101: It Starts with YOU

Iowa Donor Network

Mission

Working together to transform lives through organ and tissue donation.

Vision

All are inspired to donate life.



25 YEARS OF TRANSFORMING LIVES



1,379

Organ Donors



4,650

Organs Transplanted



10,551

Tissue Donors

Thousands of lives saved and hundreds of thousands of lives healed.

11,362

Donor Families Served



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RECIPIENT MOM

Iowa Donor Network

- Not-for-profit Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) and Tissue Recovery Agency
- Offices in North Liberty and Altoona
- Regulated by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and FDA
- Coordinate organ and tissue donation with 120 hospitals and 4 transplant centers across Iowa
- Communication Center, Organ Donation Coordinators, Recovery Staff, Funeral Directors, Donor Family Care, Outreach
- Dedicated tissue recovery suite locations with off-site recovery capabilities (IOSME, UIHC)
- Partner with Iowa Lions Eye Bank and coordinate the entire referral process

Legislation

First Person Consent **Uniform Anatomical Gift Act of 1968**

Legalized the transplantation of human organs and tissues.

Since 1972, all 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted this act.

Chapter 1064. Sec. 4. Section 142C.3, subsection 8, Code 2001

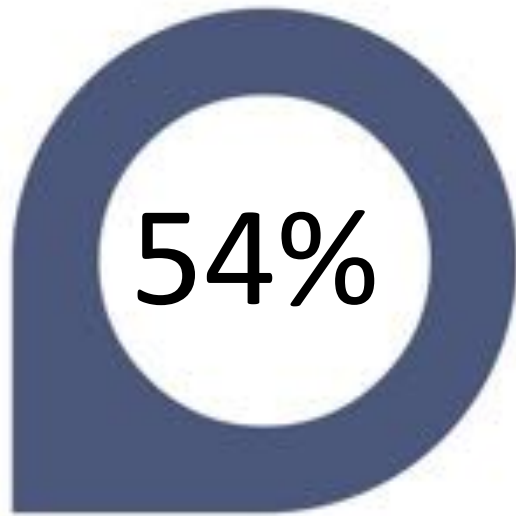
Donor Designation

When a person makes a donor designation:

- Legally binding, legal next-of-kin cannot change decision post-mortem
- If patient is not registered, next-of-kin can make decision to donate
- Legally and ethically, it is the responsibility of hospitals and the recovery organizations to carry out the donor's decision.

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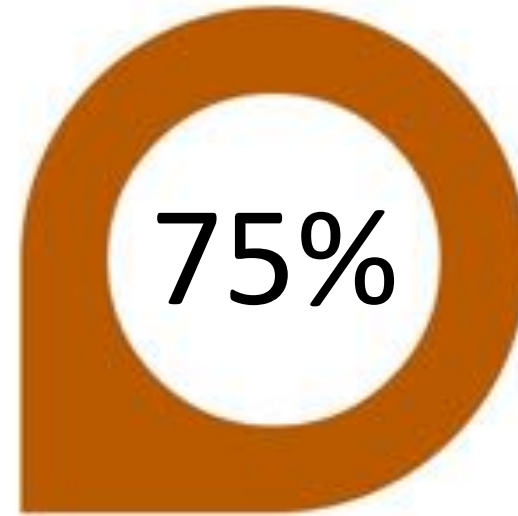
Registration



of U.S. adults are
registered organ, eye
and tissue donors.



of Americans say they
support donation.



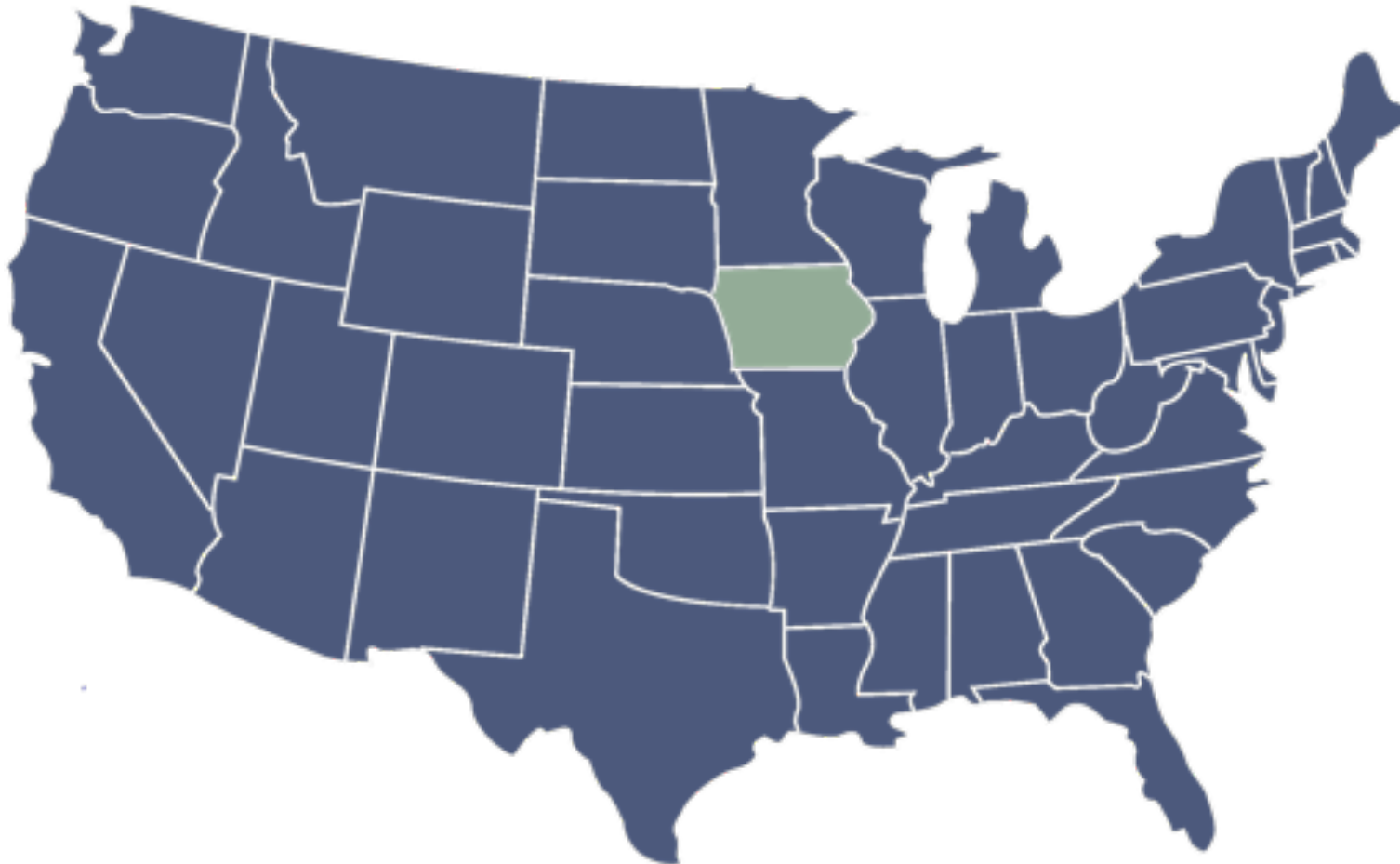
of Iowans are
registered organ, eye
and tissue donors.

www.donatlife.net (2017).
Iowa Donor Network. (2017).

How Do I Register?



Organ Wait List



As of October 1, 2019:

112,879

Men, women and children are waiting for a life-saving transplant in the U.S.

569

Waiting recipients in Iowa are waiting for a life-saving transplant.



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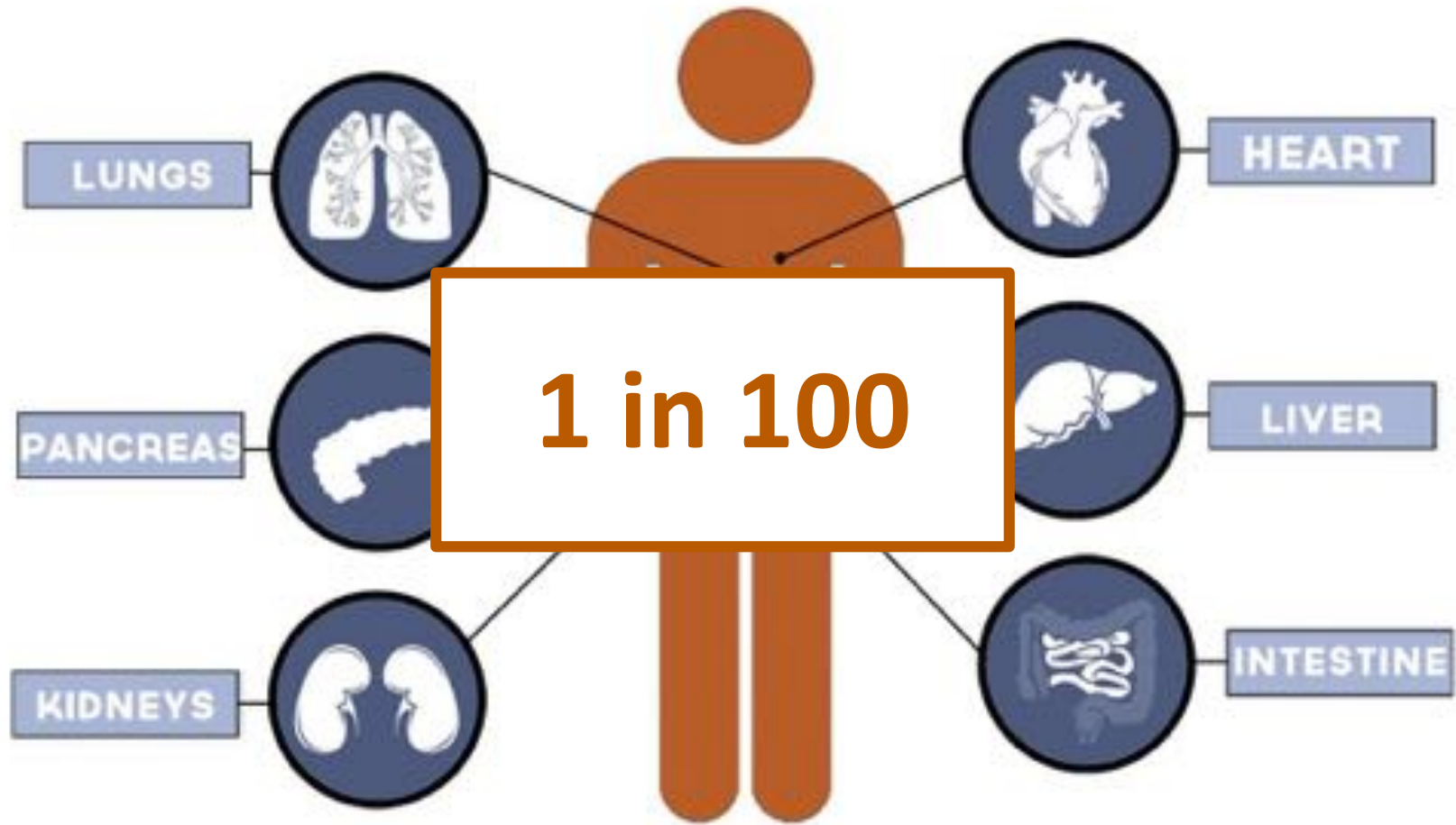
people die each day while waiting for a life-saving transplant.



EVERY
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minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting list.

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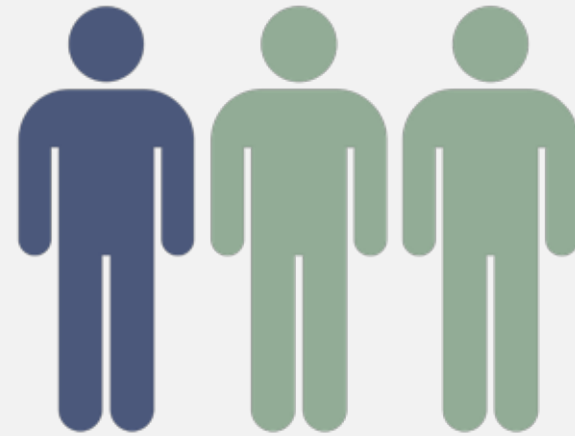


Transplants Each Year

ORGAN: 33,600

EYE: 47,000

TISSUE: 1,000,000+



1 in 3
deceased
donors are over
the age of 50.

The Impact

ONE donor can save the lives of up to **8** people and enhance the lives of more than **300** people.



Donation starts with **ONE**, but requires **MANY**!

IDN

Hospital

Hospice

Long-term Care

EMS/Fire

Law Enforcement

Funeral Directors

Medical Examiner



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Legislation

- **Appendix J of the Iowa Bureau of EMS Protocol**
 - Making referral calls to IDN is included as part of patient care protocol
- **HIPAA**
 - Allows healthcare professionals to disclose protected patient information to OPOs 'for the purpose of facilitating organ, tissue, or eye donation and transplantation.' (Section 164.512)

Position of National Association of Medical Examiners

It is the position of NAME that ME/Cs should permit the procurement of organs and tissues in cases falling under their jurisdiction, providing that there are cooperative agreements in place to ensure that ME/Cs are able to fulfill their legal mandates regarding determination of cause and manner of death and of appropriate collection and preservation of evidence.

2014, NAME

Collaboration with Medical Examiners

Estimated that 70% of potential donors fall under ME jurisdiction

IDN Policy:

- In cases falling under Medical Examiner jurisdiction, Iowa Donor Network verifies Medical Examiner release of the deceased prior to proceeding with donation. On potential organ donors the Medical Examiner should always be contacted.

Donation and Medical Examiner Needs

IDN Priority: Assure ME needs/requirements

Standardized checklists for:

- IOSME
- University of Iowa Hospital
- Polk County Medical Examiner Office

Meeting Medical Examiner Requirements

- Digital photographs
- Blood
- Blood card
- Vitreous fluid (obtained by ILEB)
- IDN documentation of physical assessment, serology results, medical/social information, hospital records

Medical Examiner

ME Jurisdiction

The patient's death may fall under Medical Examiner jurisdiction if the death is in the “public interest” – any form of injury or any sudden, unexpected, or unexplained death.

Does not automatically preclude the ability to donate

> 85% Release rate for donation in 2018

Source: Pinckard et al. (2014). National Association of Medical Examiners Position Paper:
Medical Examiner Release of Organs and Tissues for Transplantation

Tissue Donation and Your Role

Key Collaborative Practices

- Consistent and timely referrals
 - **Call in *all* deaths to IDN**
 - Call within **1 hour** of death or notification of death
 - Notify IDN of ME needs/requirements
- ME-1 Form: use most updated version
 - Can be found on the IOSME webpage
 - Available to all county ME/MEI's

The Referral Call

Agency Demographics

- Agency Name
- Phone Number
- Referring person's name

Patient Demographics

- Pt Name
- DOB/Age
- Gender/Race
- Height/Weight estimate
- NOK information

Medical History/Info

- Cause of death
- TOD/LTKA
- Medical History
- Medications
- Body condition
- Interventions

Additional

- ME Jurisdiction
- Funeral Home Info

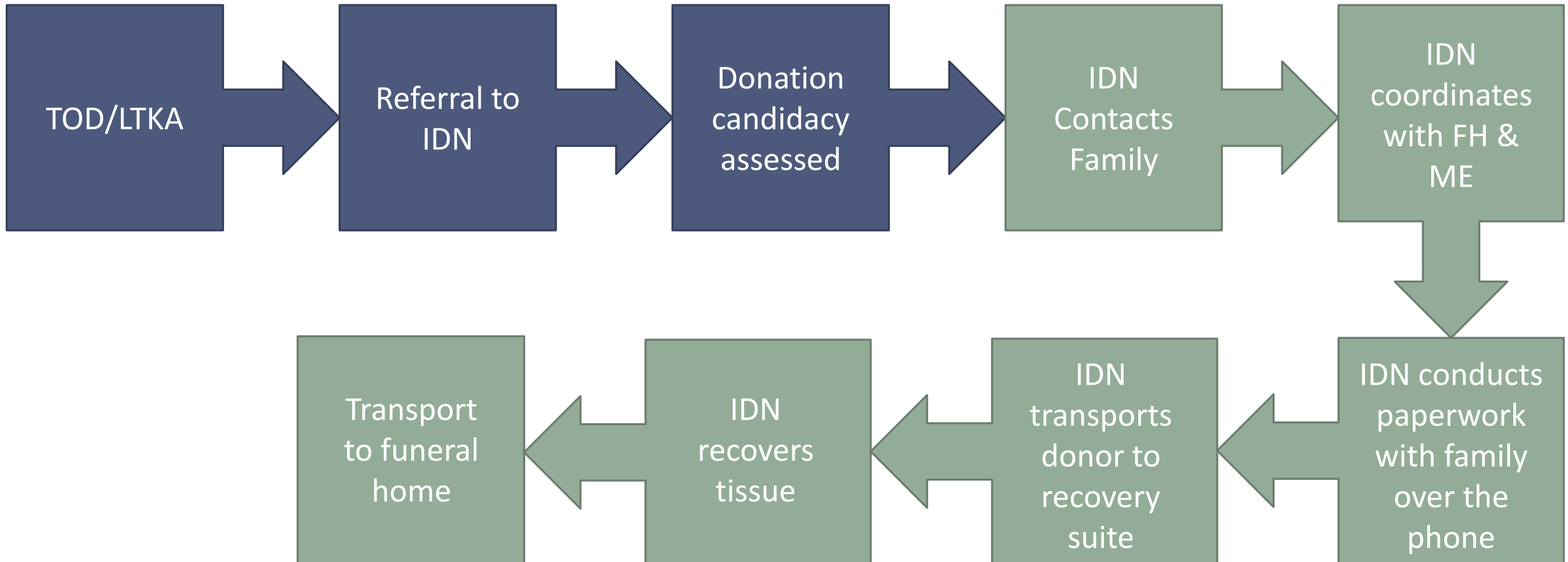
Funeral Home

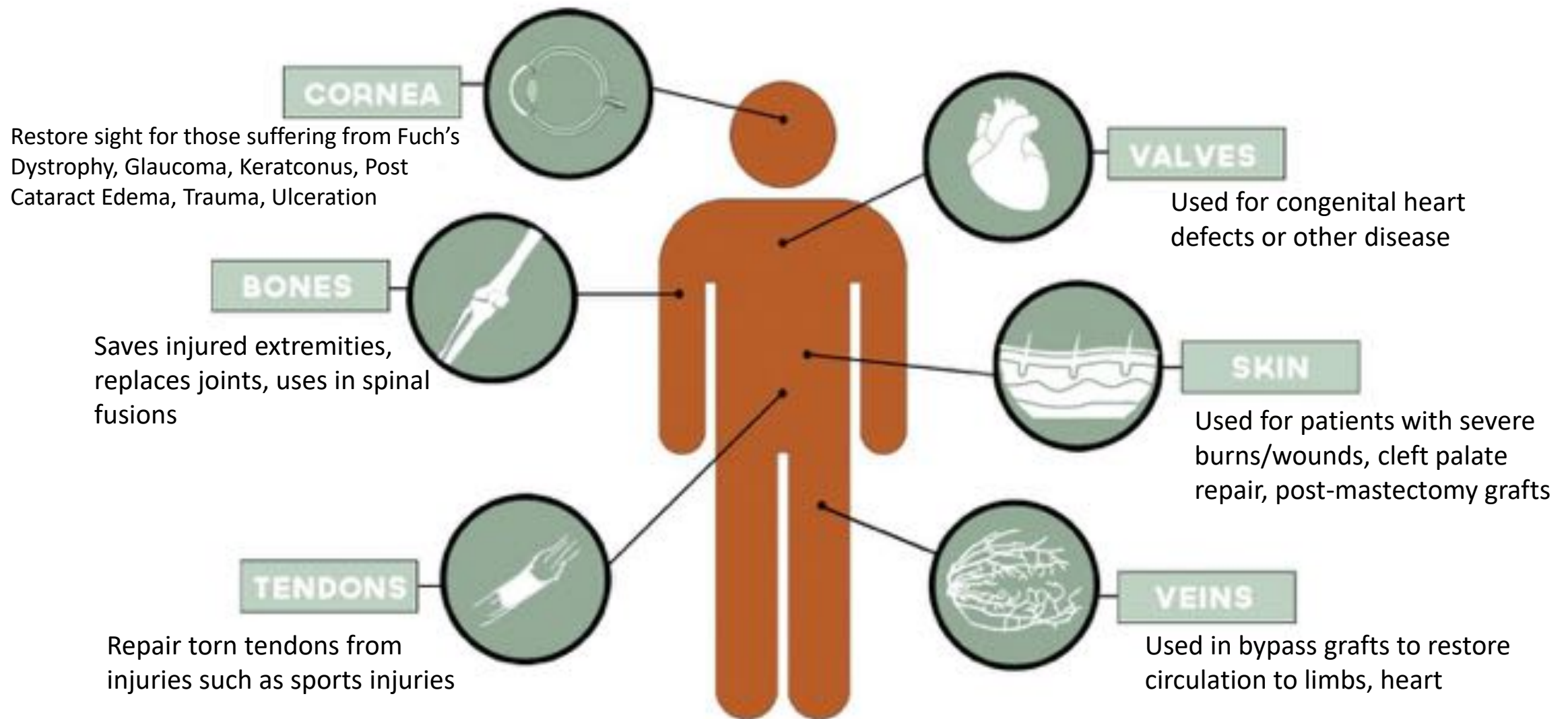
- Call IDN **before releasing body** to funeral home
- Share funeral home name with IDN as soon as information is available
- IDN will collaborate directly with funeral home to ensure continuity of care
- Open casket viewing is possible with any donation

After the Referral Call



Tissue Donation Timeline





NEW: Vertebral Bodies is used for bone marrow banking and research for immune tolerance induction post-organ transplant

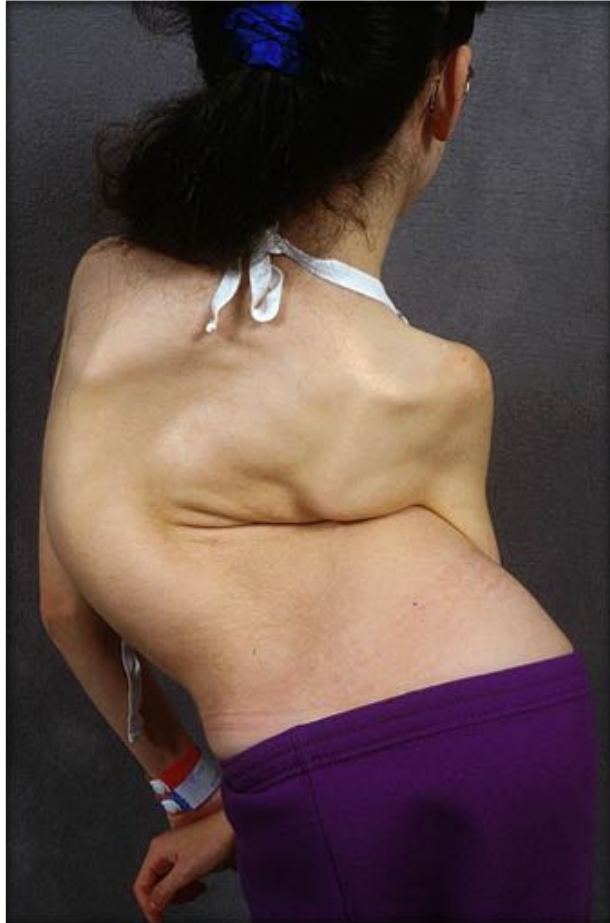
Eye Donation



Hospital staff role:

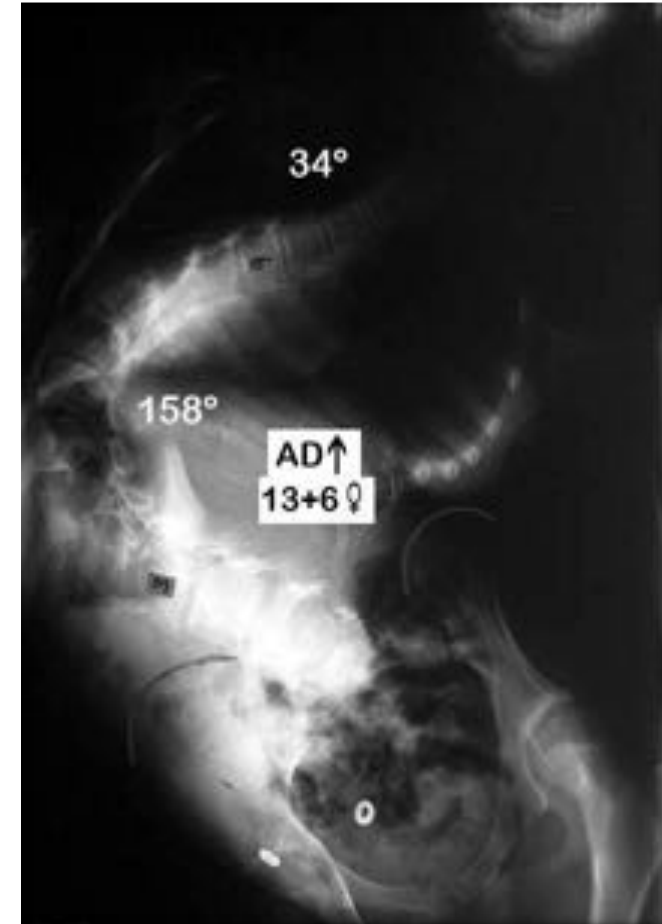
- Elevate head above the heart
 - Sterile saline drops
 - Close eyelids (tape only if needed)
 - Chipped ice or ice pack placed over closed eyelids
 - Document in the chart
- Current practice is to only remove corneas for transplant
 - The whole globe may be recovered for research
 - Corneas are recovered within 24 hours of TOD or LTCA
 - Corneas can be transplanted up to 3-5 days from death

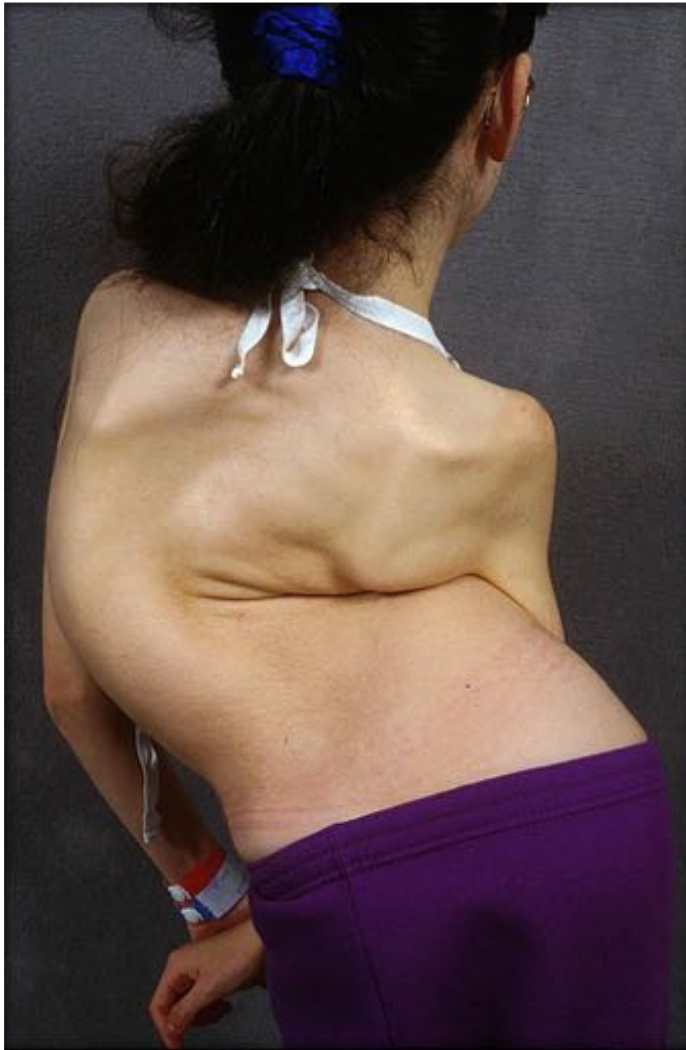
Impact of Tissue Donation



13-year-old
patient from
St. Louis, MO

Scoliosis
158 degree
curvature

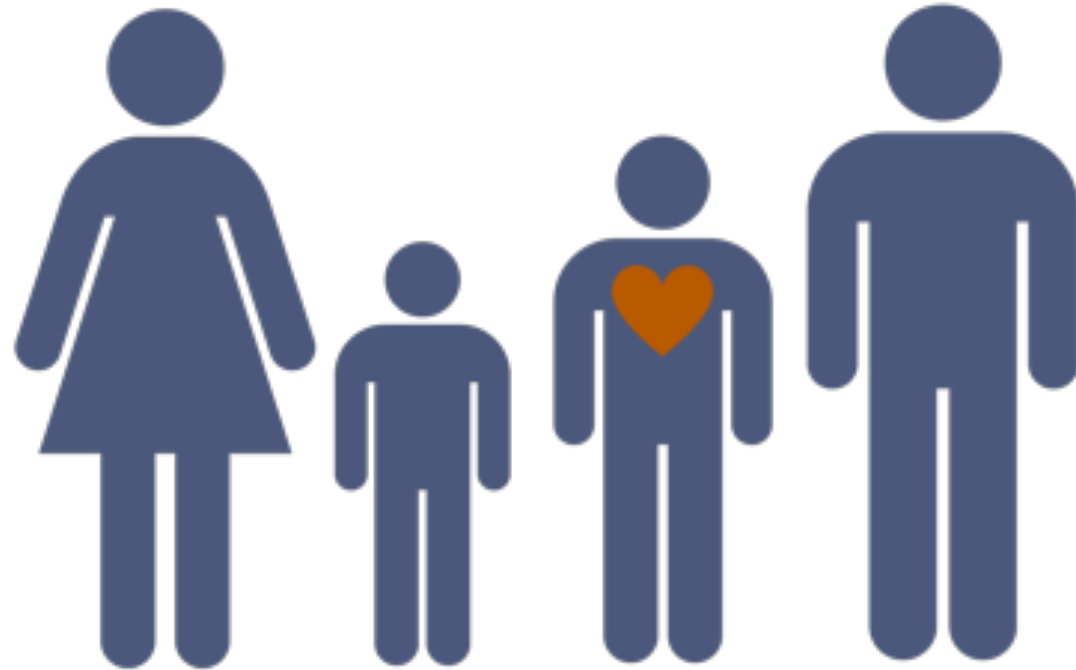




15 years old after two extensive spinal fusion procedures

Donation Facts

Anyone of any age can donate.



Our oldest tissue donor was 105!

Donation Facts

Costs associated with donation are never passed on to the donor or their family.



Donation Facts

An open casket or viewing is possible with organ and tissue donation.



Donation Facts

A patient's income, race or social status are never taken into account when determining one's place on the waiting list.



Our responsibility to families

All families should be provided the opportunity for donation regardless of

Age **Self-Identified Groups** **Religion**
Medical Condition **Race** **Cause of Death**

Source: CMS 482.45 Condition of participation: Organ, tissue, and eye procurement.

Donation Conversation Goals

- IDN provides information directly to family
 - First Person Consent shared, if applicable
 - Tissue and eye donation opportunities shared
 - Specific information about the donation process shared
 - Family makes the best donation decision for them

***Donation is really a conversation, it's not just a quick question,
and never merely a mention.***

IowaDonorNetwork.org

Online resources:



Join the 1,734,829 Iowans who have already registered as an organ, tissue, and eye donor.

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Register Stories Volunteer Resources +

Emergency Responders

Emergency Responders

Please note that this information is intended for emergency responders and law enforcement. If you reached this page by mistake, please return to our homepage.

The Role of Emergency Responders in Donation

Emergency responders and law enforcement play a critical role in the tissue and eye donation process. As an emergency responder, you can have a direct impact by referring all deaths that occur outside of a hospital to Iowa Donor Network. In doing so, you ensure that all Iowans are given the opportunity to leave a living legacy through tissue and eye donation.

Iowa Donor Network is committed to working closely with your agency to develop procedures to ensure that all deaths are referred to IDN within a time frame that preserves the opportunity for donation. Please review the resources and information below and contact a member of our [Professional Outreach Team](#) if you have any questions or would like more information on developing donation referral procedures for your agency.

To learn more about the impact of donation, please visit our [Understanding Donation](#) page.



The screenshot shows the IowaDonorNetwork.org website. At the top, a blue banner reads "Join the 1,734,829 Iowans who have already registered as an organ, tissue, and eye donor." Below this is a navigation bar with links: "About", "Events", "Get Involved", "Careers", and "Contact". A main navigation bar features "Register", "Stories", "Volunteer", and "Resources +". An orange arrow points to the "Resources +" button. Below the navigation bar is a banner for "Emergency Responders" with a sub-link "Emergency Responders". A brown circle highlights a dropdown menu under "Emergency Responders" which includes "Find Your Representative", "Rules & Regulations", "Donor Family Care Program", "Hospice/Long Term Care", and "Funeral Directors". The main content area is titled "The Role of Emergency Responders in Donation" and contains text about the importance of emergency responders in the donation process, a commitment statement from Iowa Donor Network, and a call to action to contact the Professional Outreach Team. At the bottom, there is a photo of two police officers in uniform.

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