Rotary Club of San Francisco

District 5150

Share Your Life - Give of Yourself!

with The Living Bank

1-800-528-2971

Uniform Anatomical Gift Act

DONOR REGISTRATION FORM

Instructions: <u>When this form is completed and mailed to the address below, a donor card will be sent to you to be carried with you at all times</u>. The form and the card are legal documents in all 50 states under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and similar laws. You must sign the form and have it witnessed by two persons of legal age. Your next of kin is preferred as a witness, to make sure he/she knows of your decision. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must sign. Federal law prohibits any payment or charge to you for signing this form, and any payment or charge to you or any other entity for your donated organs.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. COMPLETE LINES 1 THROUGH 15.

1. Social Security # _____ 2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Donor's Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

4. Mailing Address: _____ E-mail: _____

5. City: _____ 6. State: _____ 7. Zip: _____

8. Name of Donor's Next of Kin: _____ 9. Relationship: _____

10. Full Address: _____ Phone: _____

11. In the hope that I may help others, I hereby make this anatomical gift, if medically acceptable, to take effect upon my death. The words and marks below indicate my desires.

I give ☐ Any needed organs and tissues. ☐ Only the organs and tissues listed below:

_____

12: Donor's Signature: _____ 13. Date Signed: _____

14. Witnessed: _____ 15. Witnessed: _____

Critical Facts About Organ and Tissue Donation

In 2001, the National Waiting List exceeds 75,000 patients.
Every 16 minutes another name is added to the list.
In 2000 over 5,000 people died because an organ was not available in time.
Even though 2.1 million died in the U.S. last year, there were only 20,000 organ transplants.

Thank you for your decision to become an Organ/Tissue Donor.
Please share this decision with your family.

Return this page to:
Rotary Club of San Francisco
609 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Upon receipt your data will be entered on a national database of Organ/Tissue Donors.

A program of Rotarians in Districts 5060, 5150, 5280, 5890, 6760, 6940, and 6970

To find out how you can implement this program in your Rotary District, call 1-800-528-2971

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
ABOUT ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION

Does the donor family incur any costs for organ donation?
No, the donor's family never pays for organ or tissue donation. Hospital expenses incurred while trying to save the donor's life and funeral expenses are the responsibility of the donor family. All costs related to the donation are paid for by the organ procurement organization or the transplant center and eventually passed on to the organ/tissue recipients.

Which organs/tissues can be donated?
The heart, kidneys, liver, pancreas and lungs are classified as organs. Some of the tissues that can be donated include skin, bone, corneas, heart valves, middle ear, blood vessels and connective tissues.

Does organ or tissue donation leave the body disfigured?
No, there is no disfigurement or delay in holding the funeral services.
An open casket funeral may be held if desired.

Are there age requirements/restrictions regarding organ/tissue donation?
A person, under age 18, can be registered with The Living Bank with the permission of their parent or legal guardian.
Age and medical history should not prevent you from considering organ and tissue donation. Acceptable organs are determined at the time of recovery by the procurement team.

Who receives my organs and tissue?
The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) maintains a national waiting list for organs. When an organ becomes available the list is reviewed to determine who will receive the organ. Criteria include distance from the donor, blood and tissue type, current physical condition and length of time on the waiting list. Since time is very important, local recipients are considered first, then regional and national recipients. Kidneys are the organs most in demand on the waiting list. Tissue Banks do not have a national waiting list and are allocated through local tissue banks.

If I indicate on my drivers license I want to be a donor, is that enough?
Most states encourage you to sign your drivers licenses indicating your wishes. We encourage you to register your wishes and carry a donor card in addition to your license. Many times your drivers license can be separated from you, if you are in an accident. One of the most important elements in becoming an organ donor is that you discuss your wishes with your family, especially your next-of-kin, so that if the time ever comes for a decision, they will know and remember what you wanted.

What is required consent or required request?
In 1986 legislation was passed which required all hospitals to develop protocol to ask the next of kin for permission to procure the organs of a patient if their death was impending. This is in addition to your donor card and drivers license. This is why it is so important that you discuss donation with your family when you register with The Living Bank. It is not required that you sign your card in their presence, but it is a good idea so they know your wishes.

What is brain death?
Death occurs in two ways: cessation of cardiopulmonary function and cessation of brain function. Brain death occurs when a person has an irreversible, catastrophic brain injury which causes all brain activity to stop permanently.

Is it permissible to sell organs and tissues?
No, the National Organ Transplant Act prohibits the sale of human organs. Violators are subject to fines and imprisonment.

Are there religious objections to organ and tissue donation?
Most major religious groups in the United States approve and support the principles and practices or organ/tissue donation. Should you have doubts, you should discuss them with your spiritual leader and make up your own mind.

What do I do if I change my name or address?
When you change your name or address, please advise The Living Bank so we can update your file. This will allow us the opportunity to keep you informed of the important happenings in the field of organ/tissue transplantation and donation. When contacting us, please advise us of your social security number.

How can I donate my body to medical science for research?
People wishing to donate their entire bodies for anatomical study must contact their nearest medical school for registration. The Living Bank can provide names, addresses and phone numbers of medical schools near you. After you have registered with a medical school, be sure to notify The Living Bank in order that your information can be input to the files. It helps if you include a long self-addressed stamped envelope to obtain a medical school listing or any other information.

Is there more you can do?
Quite simply, yes. Our service is free. There is no fee to register and no dues to pay. However, we always welcome contributors. We receive no government funding or United Way support. The Living Bank exists and depends on voluntary contributions from those who believe in the value of its vital mission. Your contributions enable us to expand our important educational programs and increase the number of informed, registered donors

The ***Share Your Life - Give of Yourself!*** Program has been developed by several Districts of Rotary International and is affiliated with The Living Bank International of Houston, Texas. Questions should be directed to:
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