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ARAHD- Non-Transplant Donation Process (Q&A)

What is Non-Transplant organ donation and Tissue Donation?

Non-Transplant Organ and Tissue donation is the process of surgically removing an organ or tissue from one person, the organ donor and using the tissue or organ for research or clinical research along with diagnosis. Non-Transplantation is necessary because the recipient's organ has failed or has been damaged by disease or injury. Non-Transplant Organ transplantation is one of the great advances in modern medicine. Unfortunately, the need for Non-Transplant organ donors is in great need because to help with exploring new treatment are been able to diagnosis a rare diseases at an early onset stage. Every day in the United States researchers or awaiting Non-Transplant organs and Tissues, more than 350,000 men, women, and children can benefit from Non-Transplant Research Donation.

What organs and tissues can be are qualified for Non-transplanted Research?

Non-Transplant Organs and tissues that can be used for research or clinical research include:

- Liver
- Kidney
- Pancreas
- Heart
- Lung
- Intestine
- Cornea
- Middle ear
- Skin
- Bone
- Bone marrow
- Heart valves
- Connective tissue
- Spinal Cord
- Brain
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• **Who can be a Non-Transplant organ donor?**

People of all ages should consider themselves potential donors. When an individual dies, they are evaluated for donor suitability given their current and past medical history as well as their age. Non-Transplant also focus on donors who were ruled out as a Transplant Donor and were no longer qualified because of a newly found diagnosis and which to support their given wish.

How can I become a Non-Transplant organ donor?

Individuals who wish to be Non-Transplant organ donors should complete the following steps:

The Next Steps to Take- Contact Advance Research and Human Development and follow these step

1. The Approach: Making the Call to Offer the Donation Option
 - The call usually takes about 15-20 minutes to complete the entire consent

- The process is normally shorter if completed in person; be sure to sign each consent completed in person as a witness
 - The consent must be completed prior to the actual donation (i.e. the recovery)
2. Medical and Social History Information (MSH)
 - The MSH can be completed at the time of consent in person or with an ARAHD Donor Coordinator (by phone).
 - If completed prior to donor passing, the process is shortened & there will be reduced need for contact with the family in the immediate hours after the TOD.
 - This information is critical in making sure that the researchers have all the required information for the studies being conducted.
 - **“Medical records may not be furnished to, and the medical condition of a patient may not be discussed with, any person other than the patient or the patient’s legal representative or other health care practitioners and providers involved in the care or treatment of the patient, except upon written authorization of the patient.” (Fla. Stat. 456.057(7)(a)).**
 3. Standard Exclusions for ALL Donors
Hep B/C, TB, CJD
 4. Additional Information & Documentation
 - Please contact ARAHD personnel with any questions regarding the legal next-of-kin. ARAHD follows the documented state guidelines in making this determination.
 - Donation Coordinators will provide copies of consent form & MH if requested by the family. All forms can be scanned & emailed to ARAHD at: advrahd@gmail.com.
 5. Transportation
 - Contact ARAHD at the TOD to coordinate transportation of the potential donor to the Funeral Homes of the family’s choice. ARAHD will coordinate recovery details with the Funeral Homes.
 - Tissue is recovered for medical research & education ONLY.
 - ARAHD will make additional contact & communicate with the family post-recovery if requested to answer any questions that may arise.

By becoming a Non-Transplant organ donor, does this mean that I wouldn't be eligible to receive the best medical care possible?

Not at all, the decision to donate does not affect the quality of the medical care you will receive.

Are there any costs to the Non-Transplant organ donor's family for donation?

There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for the donation of organs, tissue, or eyes. Funeral costs remain the responsibility of the family.

Will donation disfigure the body?

The recovery of organs, tissue, and eyes is a surgical procedure performed by trained medical professionals.

What's involved with becoming a Non-Transplant organ donor?

A Non-Transplant donation, such as the donation of one ruled out tissue or organ such as a liver from a donor human to medical research, is arranged through the individual, Hospitals centers, Hospice Association and Funeral Home according to criteria ARAHD have in place. An Independent Donor Advocate will represent the interests and well-being of the potential donor.

What organizations can I contact to learn more about Non-Transplant organ donation?

- Please visit the American Association of Tissue Bank (www.aatb.org)
- Advance Research and Human Development, LLC (www.arahd.com)