

# Tissue Donation with 360 Support at Every Step in the Process

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Saving Lives. Restoring Health. Giving Hope.



## 1 Notification

After someone passes away, the hospital, medical examiner or funeral home notifies LifeNet Health.

+ **Fact:** Many people are potential donors at the time of their passing.

## 2 Assessment

Expertly trained staff evaluate donor eligibility, including age, cause of death, immediate evidence of infection, and if the person is a registered donor.

+ **Fact:** More than 120 million Americans are registered donors.



## 3 History and Authorization

Donation coordinators contact the person's legal next of kin to collect medical and social history, including wishes for donation.

+ **Fact:** Loved ones play a critical role in honoring the donor's intent by providing background information required to facilitate donation.

+ **Fact:** Washington has one of the highest donation registration percentages, at an average of 85 percent, yet there is a reluctance to participate on behalf of a loved one who has chosen to donate.



## 4 Recovery

Skilled tissue recovery specialists respectfully recover the authorized tissue in an OR-type setting.

+ **Fact:** The tissue authorization and recovery processes generally occur within 24 hours after death.

+ **Fact:** LifeNet Health is the only tissue bank with a full portfolio of tissue grafts, including cardiovascular, spine, sports medicine, dental, dermis and other specialty grafts — and the only nonprofit processor of heart valves in the U.S.

## 5 Preparation

LifeNet Health staff is extensively trained in-house with specialized equipment necessary for the preparation of allografts. One team prepares the gifts from one donor at time — in one room.

+ **Fact:** LifeNet Health has distributed more than 5 million grafts sterilized with its patented technology, with no reported disease transmission.

+ **Fact:** LifeNet Health's clean rooms feature a unilateral flow and are held to a stricter standard of cleanliness than even hospital operating rooms, helping virtually eliminate the possibility of graft contamination.

## 6 Distribution

LifeNet Health distributes recovered tissue to hospital partners to be transplanted. We prioritize returning donor gifts within the local community, because we are engaged at every step in the process.

+ **Fact:** There are approximately 1.5 million tissue transplants performed each year.

+ **Fact:** LifeNet Health has more than 100 hospital partners in the Northwest.

Gifts can be utilized for

### Transplantation to Patients in Need

Donated tissues can be life-saving, like in the case of a heart valve. Other gifts, such as bone, tendons, skin or cells, improve the quality of life for recipients.

+ **Fact:** One donor can enhance more than 150 lives through tissue donation.

### Research & Innovation

LifeNet Health is on the frontlines of innovation with a global center of excellence for research and development in tissue engineering and cell-based therapies, which allows first-class collaborations with our partners.

Grief and Bereavement Support to Donor Families

Community Education

Hospital Education

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Additional Support and Services