

# Infinite Legacy

When should I call Infinite Legacy)?

Contact Infinite Legacy at [800-923-1133](tel:800-923-1133):

For ventilated patients, call Infinite Legacy within 2 hours if any trigger is met to screen for organ donation potential:

- Prior to an anticipated family meeting to discuss end-of-life options or de-escalation of life-sustaining therapies (i.e. palliative care/hospice consults, DNR for purposes to not escalate care, etc.)
- GCS < 5

If Infinite Legacy is following a patient, call us back if:

- Brain death testing is planned
- End-of-life conversations are planned
- The patient becomes unstable

Please call within 60 minutes of cardiac time of death for ALL patients to screen for tissue donation. Call anytime a family mentions donation

What about HIPAA? Can I give out medical information?

According to the HIPAA privacy rule, "a covered entity (hospitals) may use or disclose protected health information to organ procurement organizations or other entities engaged in the procurement, banking or transplantation of cadaveric organs, eyes or tissue for the purpose of facilitating organ, eye or tissue donation." This allows The IL to access this protected health information for donors and potential donors without authorization for the purposes of determining medical suitability and facilitating deceased donation.

Why is it important to call Infinite Legacy?

Calling Infinite Legacy is the first step in the donation process. A timely call will preserve the option of donation by allowing us time to determine medical suitability, donor designation status, and to develop a collaborative plan for discussing donation with the family if appropriate. Calling in a referral is required by CMS, The Joint Commission, and your hospital policy.

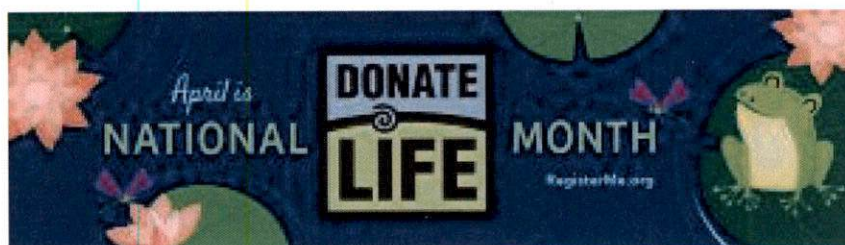
What if a family brings up donation?

You can tell them that donation may be an option for their loved one and that you will contact Infinite Legacy to have them speak to the family about the donation process. We will ensure the family understands the options that are available to them.

For more information visit <https://www.infinitelegacy.org/>

or

contact Rebecca Breen at ext. 4642 to connect you with our Infinite Legacy hospital representative







## **Donation & Transplantation FAQs**

### **Who can be a donor?**

People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential organ, eye and tissue donors. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissues can be donated. Learn more about the lifesaving and healing organs and tissues that can be donated at [DonateLife.net/faqs](https://DonateLife.net/faqs).

### **Does registering as a donor change my patient care?**

Your life always comes first. Doctors work hard to save every patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is donation an option.

### **Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?**

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity. Learn more about different religious views on organ donation at [DonateLife.net/organ-donation-and-religion](https://DonateLife.net/organ-donation-and-religion).

### **Is there a cost to be an organ, eye and tissue donor?**

There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for donation. The donor family pays only for medical expenses before death and costs associated with funeral arrangements.

### **Can someone who identifies as LGBTQ+ become an organ, eye or tissue donor?**

Sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression does not prevent someone from registering as an organ donor. Certain regulations mandated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may affect a person's eligibility for cornea and tissue donation.

### **Can someone who is living with HIV be an organ donor?**

Passed in 2015, the HIV Organ Policy Equity Act (HOPE) Act provides donation and transplantation opportunities for people living with HIV. As of November 2022, more than 350 lifesaving transplants have been made possible because of the HOPE Act and the generosity of donors and donor families.

### **Does my social and/or financial status play any part in whether I will receive an organ if I ever need one?**

No. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the waiting list. Race, income, gender, orientation, celebrity and social status are never considered.

### **Why should I register my decision to be a donor?**

The vast majority of Americans support donation as an opportunity to give life and health to others. Unfortunately, many people overlook the important step of registering their decision to be a donor. Donors often die suddenly and unexpectedly. Donation can provide solace to a family and relieve the burden of making the donation decision in a time of grief and shock.

You can save up to 8 lives through organ donation, restore sight to 2 people through cornea donation, and heal more than 75 people through tissue donation.\* Your registration serves as a symbol of hope to patients waiting and sharing it with your family lets them know your decision.

*\*Living donation and VCA are not included in your deceased donor registration.*

### **I want to learn more about living donation. Where should I look?**

Living organ donation offers another choice for some transplant candidates, reducing their time on the waiting list and leading to better long-term outcomes for the recipient. Living tissue donation – birth tissue – is used to promote healing and to treat burns and painful wounds. Learn more at [DonateLife.net/livingdonation](https://DonateLife.net/livingdonation).

**Go to [RegisterMe.org](https://RegisterMe.org) to register your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor. Learn more about organ, eye, tissue and living donation at [DonateLife.net](https://DonateLife.net).**