

HOW THE DONATION PROCESS WORKS (PRIOR TO DEATH OCCURRING)

Patient and /or Patient's family expresses interest in donation for research and medical education to their caregiver.

Biological Resource Center (BRC) is contacted by the caregiver or family member so BRC may discuss potential donation with family.

If the patient and/or family wish to donate, there are three forms to be completed. These forms consist of an informed consent, a medical questionnaire on behalf of the patient and information to complete and file a death certificate on behalf of the donor.

Following the completion of the appropriate legal documents, the caregivers are notified of the decision to donate and copies of the documents are placed into the patient's medical record for future reference.

Death is confirmed.

BRC is notified following the death and arrangements are made for transportation of the body to our laboratory for tissue procurement.

Tissues are matched with researchers and medical educators.

Remains are sent to licensed crematory for the cremation process.

The licensed crematory notifies BRC that the cremation is complete. BRC places the ashes into a dignified wooden urn for the family's keepsake and hand delivers them to the family home (if the family resides in Arizona). This takes place within 3 weeks of the donation.

BRC sends the family follow-up correspondence on how the tissues benefited the community.

HOW THE BODY IS USED TO BENEFIT SOCIETY

The desperate need for human organs and tissues to advance research and medical education is needed in the following areas.

- Researching specific disease processes
- Developing new and progressive surgical techniques
- Continuing education of physicians in perfecting their surgical skills
- Implementing and perfecting new medical devices
- Developing medical students' awareness of anatomy



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*Body donation and the
advancement of medicine.*



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“It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving”.

- Richard Braunstein

WE ARE AN...

Arizona based willed body to science program and qualified tissue bank under the Arizona Anatomical Gift Act, Title 36, Chapter 7, Article 3, sub-section 36-846. Our mission is the advancement of medicine through the recovery and placement of non-transplantable donated human tissues. We were founded to further the cause of research and medical education in order to study specific diseases, develop new surgical techniques, assist in the creation of progressive medical devices, assist with surgical training of student physicians and develop medical students' skills in complicated anatomical studies. Our mission is accomplished by our dedication to our donor families, respect for our donors and to the altruistic values they hold dear when they make the unselfish decision to donate their body to science. We treat them with honesty, respect and dignity.



WHAT WE OFFER TO OUR DONORS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- No-cost cremation
- No-cost transportation of the body
- No cost for the completion and filing of an original death certificate (the cost of certified copies from the county would be the responsibility of the family)
- Return of donor's ashes to the family within 3 weeks of the donation (hand delivered to the family anywhere within the State of Arizona)
- Notification of death filed with the Social Security Administration and Veterans Administration
- Correspondence following the donation to communicate how the gift advanced medical research and education
- Legally required paperwork may be completed before or after death occurs

WHO CAN DONATE?

Nearly anyone 18 years or older can donate. Unlike donation for transplantation, most disease processes are acceptable.

Research and medical education saves lives too.
Pass it on!



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OUR COMMITMENT SINCE 2004

- A donor pre-registered with BRC is guaranteed acceptance at time of death, preventing the family or medical professional from having to scramble for an alternative option at that most difficult of times
- A simple phone call is all that is needed to determine eligibility. A BRC coordinator can quickly authorize a donation request made by the family and/or medical professional

WHAT WE CAN OFFER MEDICAL PROVIDERS:

- One call coordinates the donation process
- Quick response time from our donation coordinators
- Our guarantee that the donor family is properly informed and that a legal and informed consent is obtained
- We complete the paperwork in person (in most cases) with the donor family at the hospice or hospital unit, nursing home or at their private residence, whichever is more convenient for the patient and/or their family