Advancing medical research through organ and tissue donation

YOU CAN HELP FIND A CURE

Become an organ and tissue donor for research
Researchers are using donated organs and tissues to:

- Improve HIV/AIDS treatments
- Develop tools to help diagnose central nervous system diseases such as Parkinson’s Disease and Multiple Sclerosis
- Create therapies for spinal cord injuries
- Identify and treat causes of cancer

Patients and families have the opportunity to help find new treatments or cures for diseases and disabilities by donating organs and tissues for research in many areas, including: diabetes, HIV, cancer, and rare diseases such as Cystic Fibrosis and Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

DONATE TODAY FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW

For a healthier tomorrow.
THE NDRI PRIVATE DONOR PROGRAM

NDRI’s Private Donor Program gives individuals and their families an opportunity to leave a meaningful legacy for their loved ones by providing a simple system through which organs and tissues can be donated for research after death. NDRI works with you to obtain authorization for donation and takes care of recovering tissues and providing them to approved researchers.

NDRI WORKS WITH PATIENTS AND FAMILIES WHO WANT TO HELP OTHERS BY DONATING ORGANS AND TISSUES FOR RESEARCH

Individuals can donate tissue from surgery such as tumors, or diseased organs removed during transplant surgery. Individuals can also donate tissue or organs after death, including those that cannot be used for transplant.

To coordinate these recoveries, NDRI partners with Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO), tissue banks, hospitals, pathologists, medical examiners, tissue recovery specialists, and funeral homes. These highly skilled professionals help champion the wishes of NDRI’s registered participants.

NDRI has served families and the research community for more than 35 years and is the only organization facilitating anatomical gifts for research that receives major funding and oversight from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Things to consider:
- Your family and loved ones must be aware of your wishes to donate.
- Donation is anonymous — researchers will not be able to contact you or your family without prior authorization.
- Only those tissues needed for research will be recovered.
- Donation will not prevent you from having a normal funeral.
- Donation cost is covered by NDRI. The family is responsible for the arrangement and cost of the funeral and/or cremation.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

By donating organs and tissues for research, you will make a lasting impact on future generations by helping scientists to understand diseases. Your donated tissue will be analyzed — along with tissue provided by other donors — to study the causes of disease and disorders. Some of your health information may be provided to researchers to help understand links between genes and medical conditions. Donated tissues may be placed into a BioBank and tissues may be studied for many years to come for a variety of research projects.

“We need each other. Bereaved families need a way to find hope in the midst of a crisis. Researchers need tissue in order to advance medicine and science.”
— Sarah Gray (Mother of a donor)

Your gift supports critical disease research. Register today to be an organ and tissue donor.

An NDRI coordinator can be contacted 24/7 at 800-222-NDRI (6374) you can also e-mail us at info@ndriresource.org
NDRI PROVIDES THE RESOURCES FOR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

NDRI is the nation’s leading source for high quality biospecimens for research.

NDRI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that annually ships more than 29,000 biospecimens from our nationwide procurement network to over 500 researchers worldwide.

Make an impact by donating organ or tissue samples.

For 35 years, National Disease Research Interchange has revolutionized the progress of scientific research by partnering with organ and tissue donation programs to procure and distribute human biospecimens to biomedical researchers. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has provided funding to NDRI since 1987.