

## Referring an out of hospital death

1.800.24.SHARE | 1.800.247.4273

[www.MyDonationResource.org](http://www.MyDonationResource.org)

Donation is an option for individuals age 80 or younger who have not tested positive for HIV or hepatitis, and whose time of death or last seen alive time is under 12 hours from the time of the referral call.

### When making a donor referral, the following information will be requested:

- Decedent's name, date of birth, height and weight
- Time of death and/or last time seen alive
- Circumstances surrounding the death and EMS involvement
- Medical history
- Will there be an autopsy? If so, when and where?
- Next of kin name and phone numbers
- Funeral home

A LifeSource coordinator will approach the family about donation and will coordinate the recovery with the pathologist and the funeral home.

### What Should I Tell the Family?

It's not necessary to mention donation to the family. A LifeSource coordinator will contact the family by phone to discuss tissue and eye donation opportunities and answer any questions.

If the family mentions donation, acknowledge the donation comments with language such as: "Tissue and eye donation may be an opportunity for your family. I will contact LifeSource, the donation agency, who will call you to answer your questions."

### Facts about donation

- One tissue and eye donor can help as many as 50 recipients
- Tissue grafts are returned to hospitals and clinics in our local communities
- Tissue recovery occurs in a hospital operating room or designated recovery suite to ensure the highest quality tissue grafts for transplant

Thank you for making donation an option for the families you serve!