# Human tissue donation and transplantation offer patients in need a wonderful opportunity of healing and life.

Tissue donation is a medical process which can save and transform the lives of many South Africans in need of a transplant. Tissue donation involves removing tissue from a deceased person (donor) to graft or transplant into a patient (recipient) in need.

Without tissue donation, transplantation is not possible. While thousands of patients receive tissue transplants annually, there is still great ignorance regarding the fact that donors are needed and that a single donor has the potential to treat 65 or more patients.

#### Is this different to Organ Donation?

The concept is the same: A person decides that after his/her own death, their healthy organs and tissue should benefit another, through transplantation.

Organs are retrieved when a patient is brain stem dead, still in hospital and mechanically supported. About 1% of people die in hospital in circumstances that allow for successful organ donation. The majority of people will die at home, at work or on the roads. In these cases, tissue donation is an equally valuable option.

"Through tissue donation you can leave behind an incredible final legacy of love and hope, in helping another."

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#### REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete ALL fields in order to be entered onto the database
Date:
Title: Mr Mrs Ms Dr Prof.
Name:
Surname:
Email:
Postal Address:
Postal code:
Landline Number:
Cell Number:
ID Type: R.S.A. ID Passport
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Gender:
For research purposes please indicate your ethnic group:
☐ Black ☐ White ☐ Coloured ☐ Indian ☐ Asian ☐ Other
How did you hear about organ donation?
Would you like to receive news via email?
Next of kin information contact details over the age of 18
Name:
Surname:
Relationship to donor:
Landline number:
Cell Number:
E-mail:

#### PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM:

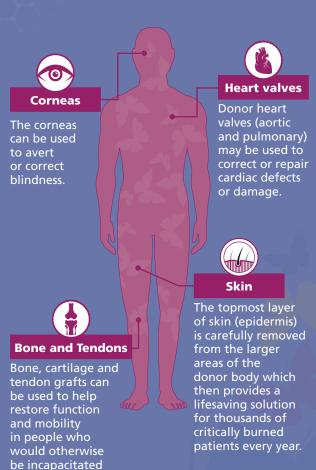
BY FAX TO (021) 426 0197 OR EMAIL – bongiwe@odf.org.za Or POST TO PO BOX 2349 CAPE TOWN 8000.

For more information contact our Toll Free Line – 0800 22 66 11 or visit our website www.odf.org.za

#### **TERMS and CONDITIONS**

By registering as an organ donor I understand and agree with the following: I'm registering as an organ donor by my own conviction. I understand that registering, as an organ donor, is completely free of charge. I agree that my personal information may be stored on the database of the Organ Donor Foundation and be only used for the advancement of organ donor awareness in general. I accept that the Organ Donor Foundation will secure and safeguard my personal information within the framework of the South African Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI-2013). I agree to inform my next of kin of my wish to be an organ donor. If I'm under the age of 18 I confirm that my parents or guardians are aware that I'm registering as an organ donor. I agree that medical professionals may have access to my personal information and the information of my next of kin and that this information will only be used, if relevant, for the purposes of my intention to be an organ donor.

## WHAT TISSUE CAN BE DONATED?



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#### WHO CAN BE A DONOR?

Any healthy individual between the ages of 15 and 80 years may potentially donate tissue – at the time of death the medical team will determine which tissue can be used in transplantation.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND WILL IT DELAY FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS?

There is no cost involved in the donation of tissue and neither is there any reward. Tissue is retrieved without compromising the funeral arrangements and does not interfere with burial and cremation plans.

#### WILL THE DONOR BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY?

Our professional retrieval teams are bound by very strict codes of conduct to ensure that each donor is treated with respect and dignity. Written consent is required for all tissue retrieval. A prosthetic device is inserted in the place of the removed tissue to ensure that there is no disfigurement of the donor's body.

#### **HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

- Discuss the possibility of tissue donation with the rest of your family and make sure that they understand that you would like to be a donor after your own death.
- Register today at: www.odf.org.za or www.tissuedonation.org.za.
- No medical tests are required for registration and it is not necessary to complete any additional forms. At the time of death, written consent for donation will be requested from the family.