

# Media Advisory

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## Ontario Hospitals Strengthen Commitment to Organ Donation

TORONTO – Ontario hospitals reached a 95 per cent routine notification rate for the second quarter of 2015/2016 (July 1 to September 30, 2015). Routine notification measures the average rate at which Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is notified by hospitals when a patient has died and there may be potential for organ and/or tissue donation.

Nine out of 68 hospitals had a routine notification of 100 per cent, demonstrating their commitment to organ donation by consistently notifying TGLN when donation is a possibility. These hospitals include:

- Georgian Bay General Hospital
- Hawkesbury & District General Hospital
- Joseph Brant Hospital
- Kirkland & District Hospital
- Lake of the Woods District Hospital
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- Sault Area Hospital
- St. Joseph Healthcare Hamilton
- University of Ottawa Heart Institute

Organ donation is a complex process that requires the coordination of many factors. Conversion rates reflect how well TGLN and Ontario's hospitals work together to manage those factors to convert potential donors to actual donors. For the second quarter, Ontario's average conversion rate was 53 per cent.

To see the data by hospital and region, visit: [www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm](http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm).

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