

Media Advisory



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ONTARIO EXPANDS ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION REPORTING

TORONTO—Routine Notification, the requirement that Ontario hospitals notify Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) of patient deaths or imminent deaths, is now in place in 68 hospital corporations across the province. Routine Notification enables TGLN to appropriately pursue organ and tissue donation opportunities, giving more families the chance to make a lifesaving choice on donation.

With the addition of 14 hospital corporations in the last quarter (April 1 to June 30, 2015), all hospital corporations with advanced critical care services in Ontario are now publicly reporting organ donation rates. The most recent data available shows that hospitals are notifying TGLN of potential organ and tissue donors 94 percent of the time and in 55 percent of the cases, potential organ donors went on to save lives, an increase of 6 percent over the last quarter.

To see the data by hospital and by region:
www.giftoflife.on.ca/publicreporting

Media are invited to contact Trillium Gift of Life Network, or visit www.BeADonor.ca, for more information on organ and tissue donation.

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Trillium Gift of Life Network is a not-for-profit agency of the Government of Ontario responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating and supporting organ and tissue donation

for transplantation across Ontario and improving the system so that more lives can be saved.