

Media Advisory

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ONTARIO HOSPITALS COMMITTED TO IMPROVE ORGAN DONATION RATE

TORONTO – Today Trillium Gift of Life Network released new data on hospital donation performance. During the first quarter of 2016/17 (April 1 – June 30, 2016) Ontario hospitals maintained a 95 per cent routine notification rate.

Routine notification is the rate at which hospitals notify Trillium Gift of Life Network when there may be potential for organ and/or tissue donation. Nine hospitals attained a 100 per cent routine notification rate, including:

- Georgian Bay General Hospital
- Guelph General Hospital
- North Bay Regional Health Centre
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
- St. Mary's General Hospital
- St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital
- University of Ottawa Heart Institute
- Woodstock General Hospital

During the same reporting period, Ontario hospitals also achieved a 61 per cent conversion rate: the percentage of potential organs donors that went on to become actual organ donors. Conversion rates reflect how well Trillium Gift of Life Network and hospitals work together to manage the complex process of organ donation. Twelve hospitals achieved a 100 per cent conversion rate, including:

- Bluewater Health
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Collingwood General & Marine Hospital
- Grand River Hospital
- Grey Bruce Health Services
- Halton Healthcare
- Joseph Brant Hospital
- Kingston General Hospital
- Quinte Health Care
- Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
- The Scarborough Hospital
- Timmins and District Hospital

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

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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.