

Media Advisory

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Public Reporting Linked to Organ Donation Improvement

TORONTO – Today Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) released new information on organ donation by hospital in Ontario. Over the first three quarters of the 2015/16 fiscal year (April 1 – December 31, 2015), 70 designated Ontario hospitals maintained an average routine notification rate of 94 per cent. Two hospitals achieved a 100 per cent notification rate: Georgian Bay General Hospital and Pembroke Regional Hospital.

Routine notification is the rate at which TGLN is notified by hospitals when a patient has died and there may be potential for organ and/or tissue donation. When a hospital refers a potential donor to TGLN, specially trained coordinators approach families to ensure that they are given the opportunity to choose donation.

Performance of designated hospitals is also assessed based on the conversion rate, which indicates the number of potential donors that went on to save lives through donation. In the same reporting period the donor conversion rate in Ontario was 54 per cent, resulting in 205 organ donors who gave the gift of life to 817 patients.

Public reporting of hospital donation performance has led to performance improvements contributing to increases in organ and tissue donation in Ontario.

Data by hospital is available at: 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.