

Media Advisory

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Ontario Hospitals Improve Organ Donation Performance

TORONTO – New year-end data released today by Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) on organ donation shows commitment to continuous improvement among the 68 designated hospitals in Ontario reporting organ donation performance rates publicly. Hospital donation performance is measured by two rates: routine notification and conversion.

Over the four quarters in 2015/16 (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016), 38 Ontario hospitals either maintained or improved the rate at which they notify TGLN of a potential organ and/or tissue donor. This rate is referred to as routine notification.

Three hospitals maintained a 100 per cent routine notification rate over all four quarters (Georgian Bay General Hospital, Pembroke Regional Hospital, and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute). The average rate in the province was 94 per cent. Routine notification ensures that when donation is possible, families are given the opportunity to make a life-saving choice.

Conversion rate indicates the number of potential donors that actually went on to save lives through organ donation. During the same reporting period, Ontario hospitals achieved an average conversion rate of 56 per cent – the highest fiscal year to date.

In 2015/16 Ontario hospitals cared for 296 deceased organ donors and performed 1,173 lifesaving transplants. More than 2,200 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands through the gift of corneas, skin, bone, and heart valves.

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

Did you know?

- Ontario is the only province to publicly report on hospital donation performance.
- Everyone is a potential donor, regardless of age, sexual orientation or health status. Visit www.BeADonor.ca to learn more.

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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.