

# Media Advisory

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## Guelph General Hospital Presented Hospital Achievement Award

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is proud to award Guelph General Hospital (GGH) with a hospital achievement award for its commitment to organ and tissue donation.

GGH was presented with the Provincial Conversion Rate Award for meeting the target set by TGLN. In 2014/2015 75 per cent of potential donors referred by the hospital went on to give the gift of life. Organ donation is a complex process, and this impressive conversion rate reflects how well TGLN and GGH work together to save lives.

There are 1,600 people in Ontario waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and every three days someone dies waiting. Register your consent for organ and tissue donation at [BeADonor.ca](http://BeADonor.ca) and talk to your family about your wishes. Guelph exceeds the provincial average (29 per cent) with a registration rate of 36 per cent.

### Quick facts:

- Donation and transplant statistics are available by hospital at: [www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm](http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm)
- One donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of 75 more through the gift of tissue.
- Everyone is a potential organ and tissue donor. To date, the oldest Canadian organ donor was 92, and the oldest tissue donor was over 100.

Media are invited to contact TGLN for more information on organ and tissue donation in Ontario, or to learn more about the awards.

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