

# Media Advisory

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## Hamilton Health Sciences Presented Hospital Achievement Awards

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is proud to award Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) with two hospital achievement awards for its commitment to organ and tissue donation.

HHS was presented with the Provincial Conversion Rate Award for exceeding the target set by TGLN. In 2014/2015 70 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 HHS work together to save lives.

The hospital also received an Award of Excellence for meeting or exceeding the provincial targets for its conversion rate in four or more consecutive years, demonstrating their commitment to the implementation of donation best practices. HHS is one of only three hospitals in the province to receive this award.

There are 1,600 people in Ontario waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and every three days someone dies waiting. In Hamilton, one in three people have registered their consent to organ donation. Register at [www.BeADonor.ca](http://www.BeADonor.ca) and talk to your family about your wishes.

### 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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