

Media Advisory

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The Ottawa Hospital Presented Hospital Achievement Awards

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is proud to award The Ottawa Hospital with two hospital achievement awards for its commitment to organ and tissue donation.

The Ottawa Hospital was presented with the Provincial Conversion Rate Award for exceeding the target set by TGLN. In 2014/2015 84 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 The Ottawa Hospital 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. The Ottawa Hospital is one of only three hospitals in the province to receive this award.

Dr. Giuseppe Pagliarello, physician at The Ottawa Hospital also received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his advocacy in advancing organ donation in Ontario. His participation in the first donation after cardio-circulatory death (DCD) case in Canada was monumental in implementing DCD as a standard practice in Ontario.

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 and talk to your family about your wishes.

Donation and transplant statistics are available by hospital at:

www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm

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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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.