

About TGLN – video transcript

[00:10] Ronnie Gavsie: Trillium Gift of Life network is a service agency established in 2002 and mandated to operate to manage to coordinate the multiple partners who are responsible for organ and tissue donation and transplant. We exist for the patient on the wait list. We exist to provide them the organs and the tissues that they need to live and to move forward to collect the data on the outcomes of their transplant so we can feed it back into research and practice and obtain a better outcomes for them. If we look at the total number of deceased organ donors across Canada fifty-four percent come from Ontario. In the last five years we've had a 22 percent increase in deceased organ donors we've had a 77 percent increase in five years in tissue donors.

[01:21] Versha Prakash: Trillium Gift of Life Network through public education is working to build a culture of organ and tissue donation in Ontario. The call to action is to encourage the public to help save lives by registering their consent to donate organs and tissue. BeADonor dot CA website is the portal to Ontario's online organ and tissue donor registry where residents can register and check their registration status. It's very easy to use, it takes two minutes and all you need is your health card. Since 2011 when the online donor

registry was launched, registration rates in Ontario have increased from 17 percent to 25 percent today. So, 2.9 million Ontarians have actually made the choice to register their consent to donate organs and tissue and help save lives.

[02:08] Clare Payne:

The Provincial Resource Centre is really the hub of where the activity of organ donation and transplantation takes place the call centre here takes calls from every hospital in Ontario relating to a death or an impending death. Coordinators are dispatched to the hospital where an approach to a family can consent for organ donation may occur the coordinators here match the donor potential to the transplant recipients on the list, start arranging recovery as well as transport of the organs back to the transplant centers. What is different to a most call centers is we actually allocate all organs centrally here in the office. This allows the coordinators that are on-site at the hospital to focus on supporting the family to ensure that they're aware of the process and also to support the donor management and the intensive care unit with the healthcare team. It also is really important for the coordinators here to be able to focus on making every phone call possible to place these organs whether it be within Ontario or within Canada or within the U.S.

[03:04] Dr. Andrew Healey:

Physician to physician education is one of the strategies that Trillium uses to reach out to ICU emerg. and other physicians involved in donation so, that we can educate those individuals on best practices in organ donation. Our job is to provide high quality

end-of-life care and if we do that in a way that incorporates organ donation we're gonna save lives.

[03:24] TGLN Physican

Training video:

Have you called Trillium Gift of Life Network to report David's death.

[03:29] Dr. Andrew Healey:

for us as physicians as we talk to other physicians, we want to provide them with expertise to allow them to comfortably integrate a normal conversation about symptom-based management, about organ donation using our expert who approach the family and offer that opportunity it's possible. We are selecting along with the hospitals a physician at each major hospital to champion donation at that facility. A hospital donation physician will be responsible for education, will be responsible for support quality assurance at that hospital and with support from from Trillium Gift of Life they can provide physicians in that institution, nurses and other health care professionals, with the tools necessary to make sure that we work effectively together.

[04:14] Dr. Shaf Keshavjee:

TGLN and the Toronto Lung Transplant program have had an excellent partnership over many years in terms of improving the yield and improving the performance of lungs that we used for transplantation. We've developed a technique to keep the lung at normal body temperature outside the body and that actually allows us: one, to measure it better to see how it's working, but more importantly to treat it to remove lung water, to treat inflammation so, that we can actually improve the organ. In one year since we introduced it has

increased our number of transplants done by 28% in one year and that's unprecedented in the history of our programs. Right now it's it's for lungs we've shown that it's possible. I think the future is extension of this concept to other organs really it's open the door to more advanced therapies of the organ itself before transplantation.

[05:19] Ronnie Gavsie: Every family has the right to make a decision on whether to give the gift of life and any step that precludes the opportunity for that decision is a medical misstep. Death is not the last step

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[05:37] Ronnie Gavsie: death is the step before the decision to give the gift of life.