

Media Advisory

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Ontario Hospitals Recognized for Commitment to Organ Donation

Trillium Gift of Life Network releases public reporting on hospital donation performance

TORONTO – New data released today by [Trillium Gift of Life Network](#), Ontario’s agency responsible for organ and tissue donation and transplant, reveals that 55 per cent of potential organ donors became actual organ donors in the fourth quarter of the 2017/18 fiscal year (January 1 – March 31, 2018).

This metric is referred to as the conversion rate and can be affected by a variety of factors, including the time it takes a hospital to notify Trillium Gift of Life Network of a potential organ donor and the patient and families’ end-of-life decisions. Potential organ donors include patients who are medically suitable for donation at death and whose families are available to approach for consent.

The conversion rate is a key performance indicator for Trillium Gift of Life Network and its hospital partners; 58 per cent is the target for 2017/18. In the fourth quarter, seventeen out of 55 hospital corporations met or exceeded the conversion rate benchmark, including:

- Grand River Hospital
- Guelph General Hospital
- Health Sciences North
- Huron Perth Health Alliance
- London Health Sciences Centre
- Niagara Health System
- Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital
- Peterborough Regional Health Centre
- Queensway Carleton Hospital
- Sault Area Hospital
- St. Mary’s General Hospital
- St. Michael’s Hospital
- The Ottawa Hospital
- University Health Network
- University of Ottawa Heart Institute
- William Osler Health System
- Windsor Regional Hospital

A hospital's routine notification rate is the percentage of cases referred by hospitals to Trillium Gift of Life Network upon patient death. Notification is the critical first step allowing Trillium Gift of Life Network to assess and determine if organ and/or tissue donation is possible. In the last quarter, Ontario hospitals achieved a 95 per cent routine notification rate.

During the same period, eight out of 69 hospital corporations attained a 100 per cent routine notification rate, including:

- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Collingwood General & Marine Hospital
- Cornwall Community Hospital
- Georgian Bay General Hospital
- Kirkland & District Hospital
- Orillia Solders' Memorial Hospital
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- St. Mary's General Hospital

Donation performance by hospital is available at www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm.

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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.