

# Eye Donation

## Donate your eyes to help someone see

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT EYE DONATION

Eye Donation means donating the eye of a person after death for transplantation with the family consent.



Anyone can be a donor, irrespective of age, sex, blood group, religion.

Anyone with cataract or spectacles can donate eyes.

Person suffering from hypertension, diabetes can also donate eyes.

Eyes can be removed within 6-8 hours after death. It will be done right at the place where the body is, at any time of day or night, without any expense to the donor family. However, 10ml of the deceased's blood will be collected for the required tests. The information about the Donor and the Recipient is not disclosed to each other as this is maintained confidential.

When registering yourself as an Eye Donor it is advisable to discuss the matter with your family, friends, lawyer, personal physician, etc, because your noble offer may not be fulfilled when the family is ignorant of or forgets this matter.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is cornea?

The cornea is the clear, transparent dome in front of the "black portion" of the eye.

#### How does a cornea become opaque?

- Infection
- Injuries
- Malnutrition
- Congenital/Hereditary

#### What is Corneal Transplantation?

A Corneal Transplant is an operation that replaces the opaque cornea with the clear cornea obtained from a human donor.

#### Is the whole eye of the donor transplanted?

No, only the cornea is transplanted.

#### Will eye donation cause delays in funeral arrangement?

No, Removal of eyes will take only 15-20 minutes and leaves no disfiguring, that would interfere with common funeral practices.

#### Can a person who is blind due to retinal or optic nerve disease donate his eyes?

Yes, provided the cornea of the donor is clear.

#### Who cannot donate their eyes?

Death due to unknown causes. Death due to infections viz. Rabies, syphilis, infectious hepatitis, septicemia, and AIDS, cannot be a donor.

Those of 18+ years can enroll as Eye Donors by submitting one completed PLEDGE FORM, although AGE IS NO BAR to donate the eyes of the departed.

### TO DONATE EYES, THE RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Close the eyelids of the deceased;
- Raise the head of the deceased with the help of a pillow;
- Give the correct address & telephone number to enable the team to locate the place easily;
- If the death certificate from the physician is available, keep it ready;
- Eye donation can be done only with the written consent of the next of kin in the presence of two witnesses.
- Switch of the fan;
- Contact the Eye Bank as quickly as possible;

## MAKE EYE DONATION A FAMILY TRADITION



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