

EXPLORING THE OPPORTUNITY OF TISSUE DONATION FOR HOSPICE PATIENTS



DESCRIPTION:

Tissue transplants can restore a meaningful quality of life and even be life-saving for many people. These transplants are only possible because of the generosity of donors and their families who make the decision to donate tissues such as corneas, skin, bone, heart valves and vessels. While organ donation is not possible for hospice patients, the opportunity to donate tissue following death may provide meaning-making opportunities and comfort for hospice patients and families through their legacy of donation. This webinar will review donation eligibility, recipient outcomes, and clinical applications of donated tissue, the referral process, and the aftercare support provided to donor families.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

This presentation features experienced professionals offering their own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the experts talking and presenting. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the experts' questions that they will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

RELEASE DATE:	Program originally premiered April 30, 2024
ON DEMAND:	Available for 1 year; until April 29, 2025
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CEs:	1.5 hours for a wide variety of professional boards
CONTENT LEVEL:	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home, or faith community environments

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

To view the program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers.

PROGRAM FEES/MATERIALS:

Registration includes continuing education and on-demand viewing for 1 year from live date. As there are no refunds on registration (all registrations have immediate access to program video & materials), please be sure to test the system requirements prior to purchase.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the process of referring a patient for possible donation and key eligibility factors.
 2. Identify different types of tissue that can be donated and give examples of uses of donated tissue.
 3. Explain the aftercare support provided to families of organ and tissue donors.
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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

Introduction to donation (15 minutes)

- Organ vs. Tissue Donation
- National waiting list and national transplant #s
- What tissues can be donated
- Clinical applications for tissue donation

Tissue referral and screening process (20 minutes)

- Hospital/OPO process
- Key eligibility considerations
- Family Approach
- Coordination with tissue and eye banks
- Myths and misconceptions

Tissue and Hospice patients (10 minutes)

- Discussion with family prior to death
- Preliminary screening with local OPO
- Call to local OPO once patient has died
- Next Steps for Hospice Professionals
 - How to find your local OPO
 - Referral timing considerations

Aftercare support of tissue donor families (25 minutes)

- Review of Gift of Life outreach
- Outcome information
- Correspondence with recipients
- Ongoing programs/volunteer opportunities
- Grief support
 - continuing bonds theory
 - Legacy building/meaning making

Question and Answers (20 minutes)

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

This program is valid for 1.5 continuing education contact hours. CE hours are available for until April 29, 2025.

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Participants must attend the entire 1.5 hour program. Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online which includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (*the exam may be re-taken, if necessary*).

EXPERT PANELISTS:

Lara S. Moretti, LSW, FT, has presented to hospitals, schools and various professional groups about grief, donation and transplantation in her role as Director, Family Support Services for Gift of Life Donor Program in Philadelphia, PA. Lara has been with Gift of Life since 2003. She has presented to numerous national organizations, including the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO), The Organization for Donation and Transplant Professionals (NATCO), Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO), Association of Death Education and Counseling (ADEC), the Society for Transplant Social Workers, Transplant Games of America and for the Gift of Life Institute. Several times a year, she leads a didactic, "Communicating with a Grieving Family" for all new clinical staff at Gift of Life Donor Program. Lara obtained her BS in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) and her MS in Social Work from Columbia University (New York, NY). Lara is a licensed social worker in the state of Pennsylvania and is a Fellow in Thanatology through the ADEC.

Jennifer McKenna, BS, CTBS, has been with the Gift of Life Donor Program since 2012. She worked as a Team Leader for the Transplant Information Center for nine years and is currently a Clinical Night Supervisor. She works with donor families and oversees clinical activity for both organ and tissue donation, from referral to recovery. Throughout her tenure, she has served as an author and facilitator for many training materials, classes, and workshops. She is a Certified Tissue Banking Specialist, member of The Organization for Transplant and Donation Professionals (NATCO), and serves on the faculty of the Gift of Life Institute coaching OPO professionals to have effective and compassionate conversations with donor families.

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