



The following information is a guide for determining suitability of eyes & tissues for donation.

- Eye:** *Age criteria – 2 to 65 years (may be raised to 75 periodically depending on local needs). Cancer DOES NOT rule out eye donation for transplant (except hematological cancer – leukemia or lymphoma are not acceptable for donation). Patients who have sepsis or any communicable disease are ruled out for donation.*
- Bone:** *Age criteria – 12 to 85 years. Sepsis, communicable diseases, and hematological cancer rule out bone donation. A history of other cancers with radiation and/or chemotherapy occurring more than 5 years prior to death is acceptable, as long as there have been no metastases. Bone from the lower extremities and upper arm (humerus) will be retrieved.*
- Heart Valve:** *Age criteria – 0 to 55. Babies must be full term and weigh 7 lbs. Same medical criteria as bone (above). The entire heart will be removed and the valves utilized for transplant.*
- Skin:** *Age criteria – 12 to 85 years. Minimum weight 100 lbs.*
- Cartilage:** *Age criteria – 27 weeks through age 10. Same medical criteria as bone (above). Cartilage is removed with the knee joint. The cartilage is used to further research studies moving towards transplanting cartilage for damaged joints.*

There are a number of other health factors that could potentially rule out donation, therefore, we ask that you call us to prescreen and let us evaluate each case individually and check state registry before you approach for tissue donation. Please refer all brain deaths/organ donor potential to MTS for evaluation and approach.

09/2006

HOTLINE: 367-6767 or 1-800-87-DONOR