



ORGAN EDUCATION, ABUSE, AND DONATION

“Live Life, Give Life”
Ninth – Twelfth Grades

ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANT FACTS

- ♥ Blood donation is possible if someone is 16 or older, weighs at least 110 pounds and is generally in good health.
- ♥ An auto accident victim might need up to 50+ units of red blood cells.
- ♥ It takes approximately 6 whole blood donations to provide enough platelets for one transfusion of platelets. Platelets are critical to stop bleeding in patients with cancer, leukemia, open-heart surgery, transplants and blood disorders.
- ♥ One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and help more than 75 individuals through tissue donation.
- ♥ More than 106,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and thousands more could benefit from life enhancing tissue transplants.
- ♥ Every 10 minutes someone is added to the national organ waiting list.
- ♥ Criteria for transplant patient selection may include medical urgency, time on the waiting list, blood type, tissue type, height, weight, and distance from the donor hospital.
- ♥ 20 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant.
- ♥ Kidney is the organ in greatest need.
- ♥ All major world religions support organ and tissue donation as a final act of compassion and giving towards others.
- ♥ Ultimately, it is your body and your decision. Discuss your views about organ donation with your family or guardian. In addition, you can choose to sign up on the donor registry @ www.donateliflorida.org.

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