

**Authorisation for removal of Eye
Tissue by Senior Next of Kin.**



LIONS EYE DONATION SERVICE
MELBOURNE

Name of Senior Available Next of Kin:

Relation to donor:

I hereby give permission upon death for the donation of: (please circle one)

- A. Corneas
- B. Eyes

And a small sample of blood for serology,

To be removed from

To the best of my knowledge the deceased did not object to the donation as indicated (by points A or B) above

I also give permission for the employees of the *Lions Eye Donation Service* to obtain information on the deceased's medical history. This may include contacting me and the deceased's doctor for a more detailed history. I understand that this information is to be used only by the *Lions Eye Donation Service* for the purpose of determining suitability for transplantation and will remain secure and confidential to the Service.

I have read and understood the information on the accompanying page about eye donation

Signed

Date..... Time

Witnessed by (signature) Status.....

Date..... Time

If donation of eyes has been consented to and upon retrieval they are found unsuitable for transplantation, I give permission that they be used for medical research (*Please note this will only occur if permission has been given*)

Yes / No Signed Next of Kin.....

Please file this form into the patient's medical history

Lions Eye Donation Service

**Contact Number
24 hour Service**

**03 9929 8708
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What does consenting to donation mean?

Consenting to donation will help the lives of many people in your community. There are however a few things that you should know. With eye tissue donation, there is more than one option available for transplantation. For instance, if consent has been given for corneas (the clear dome-shaped layer at the front of the eye) to be used for transplantation, then only the corneas will be donated. However, if consent has been given to donate both eyes, then in addition to the corneas, the sclera (white part of eye) can also be used for transplantation.

Routinely, a sample of blood is also taken to allow a number of tests to be run to exclude the possibility of transmitting a disease from the donor to the recipient. These tests are for diseases such as Hepatitis and AIDS. A blood sample is always required for any form of eye tissue donation.

Consenting to research

Consent to research will ensure that eye tissue which cannot be transplanted is able to be used for medical research into eye disease. Consent to research is only possible if eyes (rather than only corneas) have been donated.

What happens if the tissue can't be used for transplant?

If research has not been consented to and for some reason the eye tissue is unsuitable for transplantation, the tissue is disposed of in a proper and respectful manner.

Other Questions

Funeral arrangements - The donation process is a very quick and simple operation. Every possible effort is made to ensure that the process will not delay any funeral arrangements. Usually, the donation is completed within the first six hours after death, although we are very flexible and are more than happy to allow the family more time to spend with their loved one.

Appearance - Every precaution is taken to ensure that the normal appearance of the donor is maintained.

Cost - There is no cost to the family for this donation, nor does the family receive any money for the donation.

Correspondence - We will write to the next of kin in the weeks following the donation to inform them of the outcome of the donation. The donor family is welcome to write to the recipients and vice versa.

How to contact us

If you require any further information or assistance we are able to be contacted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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