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Authority for Removal of Eye Tissue after Death

Senior Available Next of Kin (SANOK) Consent

I being the.....
(Name of SANOK) (Relationship to Donor)

of (...../...../.....)
(Name of Donor) (Donor Date of Birth)

Consent to the removal of (please choose one):

	Yes	Decline
Corneas		
Whole eyes		

From the deceased body of the person named on this form for the purposes of:

- Transplantation into a living person
- Medical research purposes (including surgical training)
- BOTH transplantation and medical research purposes

- To the best of my knowledge, they did not object to donation either in writing or verbally.
- I consent to the removal of a small sample of their blood to test for the presence of blood borne viruses including Hepatitis and HIV.
- I give permission for the employees of the Lions Eye Donation Service to obtain information about their medical and social history. This may include contacting me and their treating doctor for a more detailed medical and social history.
- I understand that information about their medical and social history will 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 Lions Eye Donation Service.
- I understand that if their eye tissue is found to be unsuitable for transplantation and/or medical research purposes, it will be respectfully disposed of.

✘ Signature of SANOK..... Date/Time.....

Postal Address SANOK	Contact Number SANOK

Consent obtained by..... Signature.....

Consent obtained by phone

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Information for Families

Consenting to the donation of your loved one's eye tissue has the potential to give multiple people the precious gift of sight – or help with important medical research that aims to cure various eye diseases. It is an invaluable gift to your community, and it is an important decision that you should feel that you fully understand.

Consenting to Eye Tissue Donation

Donation process:

- The process of eye tissue donation is a simple and quick procedure that will occur within 24 hours of the death of your loved one. This means that any funeral plans you may have will be unlikely to be impacted by eye tissue donation.
- The eye tissue donation procedure itself is non-invasive and requires no incisions or sutures, so the appearance of your loved one will remain unchanged.
- Eye tissue donation is a confidential process. The Lions Eye Donation Service may need to contact you, the SANOK, and the treating doctor of your loved one to obtain a detailed social and medical history, but any information obtained will only be used for the purpose of determining suitability for transplantation and will remain secure and confidential to the Lions Eye Donation Service.
- Should you choose to consent to donation, the eye tissue of your loved one will be able to help recipients in both Australia and New Zealand.

Donation options:

With eye tissue donation, there is more than one option available for transplantation. You may choose to consent to the donation of only the **corneas** - the clear dome-shaped layer at the front of the eye. This donation will be able to restore sight and comfort of up to 2 fortunate recipients. You may also choose to consent to the donation of the **whole eyes**, which in addition to the donation of the corneas, will also enable the donation of the sclera – the white part surrounding the eye. This donation will be able to restore sight and cosmetic appearance of up to 10 fortunate recipients.

Consenting to Medical Research

The donation of eye tissue for the purpose of transplantation is a priority and always takes precedence but consenting to donation for medical research also provides the opportunity to advance treatments and therapies into the prevention of vision loss and blindness that could potentially benefit millions. Through our partnership with the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA), we undertake research into glaucoma and retinal diseases as well as ways to improve the diagnosis of corneal disease and technical improvements in the retrieval, preparation, and storage of corneal tissue for transplant. If you choose to consent for medical research purposes any parts of the eye that are not suitable for transplantation may be used for this purpose. This includes the cornea itself but only if it is found to be unsuitable for transplant.

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