



MICHIGAN ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM

**GIVE SO OTHERS CAN LIVE**

## ***Appropriate Terminology***

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### **Organ, Tissue and Eye Donation**

As the donation and transplantation community has grown and matured, the terminology used to describe the life-saving gifts of organ, tissue and eye donation has evolved. Many of these terminology changes have been made at the request of the National Donor Family Council, out of respect for donors and their families.

<b><u>Instead of:</u></b>	<b><u>Please Use:</u></b>
Harvest, Procurement or Retrieval	<b>Recover or Recovery</b> <i>(ex: The recovery of organs and tissues is conducted in a manner respectful to the donor's body.)</i>
Cadaver, Cadaveric	<b>Deceased Donor</b>
Life Support	<b>Mechanical, Ventilated or Organ-Perfusion Support</b>
Non-Heart-Beating Donation, Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)	<b>Circulatory Death</b>
"Kept alive for organ donation" <i>(This statement is misleading, as the patient is always deceased before organ donation occurs.)</i>	<b>Kept on mechanical support</b> <i>(ex: The donor's body was kept on mechanical support until the organs were surgically recovered. )</i>
Gift of Life Organ, Tissue & Eye Donor Registry <i>(This is the former name)</i>	<b>Michigan Organ Donor Registry</b>
Sign the back of your license	<b>Sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry</b>

**CALL TO ACTION:** Sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry online at [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org) or call 800-482-4881. You can also sign up at any Secretary of State branch office.