



Tissue Donation Facts

When people are asked about being a donor, they often think of organ donation, but many don't know that tissue donation is equally vital and potentially life changing.

An estimated 1 in 20 Americans will need some type of tissue transplant during their lifetime.

Each year, there are more than 2.5 million tissue transplants and 58,000 tissue donors.

There are many different types of tissues that can be donated and used to save lives. These tissues include: tendons (to rebuild joints); heart valves (to repair cardiac defects); veins (to re-establish circulation); skin (to heal burn patients); bones (to prevent the need for amputation); and birth tissue (used in reconstructive procedures to promote healing, and to treat burns and painful wounds).

One donor can help restore the health of more than 150 through tissue donation, and help countless others through medical breakthroughs related to research donation.

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.