

CONSENT TO REMOVE ORGANS AND TISSUES

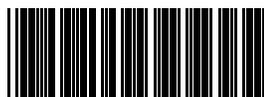
- **Carefully read the instructions before completing the form. Once you have read the instructions, detach this section.**
- **Use a ballpoint pen only, and press firmly.**
- **Detach section 1 before completing the form. Then, complete section 2 without detaching the coupon at the bottom of the page.**

On page 1 of the form:

- In the box at the top right: Use the deceased's hospital card to identify the potential donor.
- For statistical purposes only, if the request was made but the donation was turned down, check the box at the top right under the identification of the deceased.
- **Death***: The first paragraph in the box at the bottom of the page provides a specific definition of the word “death” in the context of organ donations.
- **Quality of the signatory****: The second paragraph in the box at the bottom of the page indicates, **by order of priority**, the persons authorized by the Québec Civil Code to sign the consent form. De facto spouses are now considered equal to all other types of spouse and, as such, have the same authority to sign the consent form.
- **Unrestricted consent**: If family members have formulated no restrictions with regard to the organs and tissues that can be collected, all they have to do is place their initials after the sentence “I consent to the removal of organs and tissues without restrictions.”
- **Restricted consent**: If family members have formulated restrictions with regard to the organs and tissues that can be collected, they must **place their initials next to each organ and tissue that can be removed**.

On page 2 of the form:

- **Name of the deceased and file number**: Since there are two detachable sheets, it is important to properly identify both pages of the form with the name of the deceased.
 - The paragraphs that follow provide information to family members of the potential donor concerning the collection of medico-social information on the deceased, the collection of blood samples to test for infectious agents such as HIV, hepatitis, and the transfer of the potential donor, as required.
 - **Point 2** addresses consent for research and education. It also applies to studies carried out by Héma-Québec to improve the quality of the human tissue supply. Certain criteria have been established in the interest of ensuring the safety of recipients. When potential donors do not meet these criteria, some or all of their organs and tissues may not qualify for transplantation or grafts. In these cases, organs and tissues may still be donated for research, education, or studies carried out by Héma-Québec. Also, certain tissues which are never used for grafts, like the spinal column and the adrenal glands, can also be donated exclusively for research, education, and studies. Family members of the deceased must indicate their choice by placing their initials next to their choice (YES or NO). They may also indicate restrictions, if any.
 - The last sentences before the signature stipulate that the signatory or signatories have read this consent form, that they were able to ask questions, that the required explanations were provided, and that all the information in the form was entered before they signed it.
 - The person who obtained the consent must sign it, print his or her name on it, and indicate whether the consent was obtained by phone or not.
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Family approached, does not consent to the donation of organs and tissues

1) Consent to the donation of organs and tissues

Once the death* has been certified,

I, _____, _____
Name of signatory of the consent Quality of the signatory** (compulsory)

of _____, authorize the various teams to remove the organs and
Name of the deceased

tissues for transplantation or graft purposes.

| I consent to the removal of organs and tissues <u>without</u> restrictions. | | Initial if you agree. |
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| I consent to the removal <u>with</u> restrictions. Place your initials beside the organs and tissues THAT CAN BE REMOVED for transplantation or graft purposes. | | |
| Organs | Tissues | |
| Heart | Heart (for valves) | |
| Lungs | Pericardium | |
| Liver | Blood vessels (arteries and veins) | |
| Pancreas | Pancreas (for islets of Langerhans) | |
| Intestines | Eyes | |
| Kidneys | Bones | |
| | Skin | |
| | Tendons, ligaments, meniscus, and fascia ... | |
| Other (specify): | | |
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* In the context of organ donations, the **death** of an individual means **neurological death**, which is defined as the irreversible loss of the state of consciousness and of all functions of the brainstem, including the ability to breathe despite the fact that the heart continues to beat and that spinal reflexes may persist.

** The signatory of this form must be authorized to sign it in accordance with sections 14, 15, and 44 of the Civil Code of Québec. For a person of full age, this is, **by order of priority**, the mandatory, the tutor, the curator, the married, civil union, or de facto spouse, or a person who shows a special interest in the deceased person. For a minor, this is the person having parental authority or the tutor.

