

NEONATAL

The Journey... Creating a Legacy for Your Baby

Please know our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. We appreciate your desire to donate and are happy to partner with you in creating a legacy for your baby. You may have already met with your local organ procurement organization. They may have discussed donation options with you. If you have not yet met with your organ procurement organization, we can help you get in contact with them.

As you will learn, human transplantation allows for donated gifts such as livers, kidneys or hearts to save lives. However, transplantation is not an option in every circumstance. In those cases and upon passing, your baby may be able to donate gifts to medical research and education which can benefit many lives.

The International Institute for the Advancement of Medicine (IIAM) is a non-profit medical research organization that works with researchers and medical education organizations in the U.S. and abroad.

We guide families who wish to consider organ or tissue donation to find ways for their baby's gifts to help others to add another layer to YOUR precious baby's life.

800.486.IIAM (4426)
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Through Research



Thoughts You May Have

? Will I be able to hold and see my baby after he or she is born?

Yes, your care team will work very closely with you so that you will have bonding time with your baby. You and the medical team will be made aware prior to delivery of any critical timelines for consideration to ensure donation of your baby's gifts remains possible. Your care team will support you to help balance personal time without compromising the recovery of the gifts.

You may also arrange time after organ recovery to hold your baby and proceed with any additional personal plans if you wish.

? Will there be any expense to my family as a result of donation?

IIAM will incur all expenses related to the donation of organs and tissue for medical research to our organization. We recommend you discuss any hospital or customary delivery expenses with your caregivers so you have clear expectations.

? What do I need to do?

- **Consent/Authorization:** You will need to complete a consent form for organ/tissue donation with the local organ procurement organization.
- **Blood Work:** Blood work from the mom is required to evaluate standard infectious disease screening.
- **Medical-Social History:** Completion of a questionnaire will provide the organ procurement organization with an understanding of important past medical history and social behaviors of the mom.

? What donation options can we consider?

All organs/tissue are evaluated at the time of referral. While every effort will be made to make donation for research happen, unforeseen events may occur to prevent this. It's important that you are aware of this possibility and have considered alternate plans.

? What happens to my baby when the donation has been completed?

Upon completion of the organ recovery, the hospital team will return your baby to you unless other arrangements have been made. Arrangements with a funeral home will need to be specified and will proceed accordingly.

? Is there someone I can contact for more information?

- You can communicate directly with your local organ procurement organization or, if needed, IIAM can help with any additional questions or needs you may have: 800-486-IIAM (4426).
- Once this process begins, IIAM and the local organ procurement organization will work together to guide you through the donation process. The donor program will be your main point of communication.
- Attached is a list of other resources you may find helpful as you go through your journey.

Please know our thoughts will remain with you and your family. We deeply appreciate your desire to donate.

Internet Resources

A comprehensive list of internet resources and printable materials to help you navigate this difficult time can be found on our website.

Scan the QR code or visit www.iiam.org/neonatal-donation/neonatal-resources/

