



## Steps to Eye Donation- MAID

1. Pre-screen the patient using the ‘**Guidelines for Eye Donation**’. (see page 3 of this document)
  - This list is not exhaustive. A more in-depth screening will be performed by the Eye Bank Coordinator when contacted.
2. If the patient has been determined to be a suitable donor.
  - They may be offered the opportunity to consider eye donation. Patients and their families often derive a great sense of comfort by making this gift.
  - The ‘**Gift of Sight**’ pamphlet is a useful tool when approaching a patient regarding eye donation. Available in English, Punjabi, Chinese & Farsi at:  
<http://eyebankofbc.ca/resources/>
3. Obtain written consent from the patient using:
  - ‘**Consent for Donation of Organs/Tissues**’ form.
  - Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, and Clergy may obtain and witness this consent form.
  - Please note: The Eye Bank Coordinator can speak with the patient and obtain consent. If you wish for the Eye Bank to do so, please provide the patient with the Eye Bank phone #.

The consent form can be downloaded here:

<http://eyebankofbc.ca/resources/>

For tips on speaking about eye donation please watch:

On **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhXGVoeY8LE>

4. Call Eye Bank to report a potential eye donor after ‘**Consent for Donation of Organs/Tissues**’ form has been completed.
  - A more formal screening will be completed by the Eye Bank coordinator at this time.

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5. Notify the Eye Bank of the patient’s death as soon as possible.
  - **The eyes must be retrieved within 8 hours from the time of death.**

For **Care of the Eyes** and the procedure after death please see over.



## **In a Facility:**

Eye Care to be provided by the health care professional:

- Close the eyes to prevent the corneas from drying.
- Every hour instill 4-5 drops in each eye
  - Sterile Normal Saline or
  - Artificial Tears
- After the family leaves:
  - Tape the eye lids closed with paper tape.
  - Place a cold pack, or bag with ice and water, over the eyes.

The retrieval will take place in the facility.

- This will take place within 8 hours from the time of death.

## **At Home:**

Eye Care to be provided by the health care professional:

- Close the eyes to prevent the corneas from drying.
- Every hour instill 4-5 drops in each eye
  - Sterile Normal Saline or
  - Artificial Tears
- If possible, tape the eye lids closed with paper tape and place a cold pack over the eyes for transport to the funeral home.

The retrieval will take place in the funeral home.

- This will take place within 8 hours from the time of death.

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## Guidelines for Eye Donation

- Age: 2-75 years of age
- Less than 8 hours since death.
- Legal consent.

### Contraindications

#### 1. Infectious Disease

- HIV, Active Viral Hepatitis
- Positive Viral serology: HTLV, HIV, HBsAg, HCV, Syphilis
- Acute viral encephalitis, Subacute encephalitis
- Creutzfeldt Jakob disease (CJD), variant CJD
- Rabies
- Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy
- Active Septicemia – localized infections are NOT a rule out
  - WCB > 25
- Active endocarditis
- Congenital Rubella
- Reye's syndrome

#### 2. CNS Disorders

- Death of unknown cause, and neurologic disease of viral prion, or unknown etiology
- Alzheimer's, MS, Parkinson's, ALS, Dementia

#### 3. Blood Borne Cancers

- Lymphoma, Leukemia, Myeloma, Melanoma, and some ocular cancers
- Note: most patients with cancer CAN donate

#### 4. Intrinsic Eye Disease

- Malignant tumors of the anterior segment, certain congenital or acquired eye disorders (*check with the Eye Bank*), Retinoblastoma
- Note: Refractory and Cataract surgery patients CAN donate

#### 5. Clinical

- Recent Positive Blood Cultures

#### 6. Persons Deemed at Risk for HIV, HBV, and /or HCV

- Children and infants of HIV positive or high risk of HIV mothers-
- Persons with clotting/bleeding disorders and receiving clotting factors
- Males who have sex with other males in the past 5 years
- Persons receiving money or drugs in exchange for sex in the past 5 years
- Known or suspected IV drug use in the past 5 years
- Sexual partners of any of the above

#### 7. Previous Transplant

- Please consult with the Eye Bank