



## 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 from the time of death  
Completed legal consent form

### Contraindications

#### 1. Infectious Disease

- History of HIV
- Active viral hepatitis
- Positive infectious disease testing: HTLV, HIV, HBsAg, HBcore, HCV, Syphilis
- Acute viral encephalitis, subacute encephalitis
- Creutzfeldt Jakob disease (CJD), variant CJD
- Rabies
- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
- Active septicemia (*Note: localized infections are **not** a rule out*)
  - Recent white blood cell counts (WBC) > 25.0
  - Recent positive blood cultures
- Active endocarditis
- Congenital rubella
- Reye syndrome within the past 3 months

#### 2. CNS Disorders

- Neurologic disease of viral, prion, or unknown etiology
- Alzheimer's, MS, Parkinson's, ALS

#### 3. Select Cancers

- Lymphoma, Leukemia, Myeloma
- Melanoma
- Ocular cancers
- *Note: most patients with cancer are eligible to donate*

#### 4. Intrinsic Eye Disease

- Malignant tumors of the anterior segment
- Retinoblastoma
- Active eye infection
- *Note: previous history of refractory and/or cataract surgeries are **not** a rule out*

#### 5. Clinical

- Unknown cause of death

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

- Males who have had sex with other males in the past 12 months
- Persons who have received 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
- Children and infants of mothers who are HIV positive or high risk for HIV

#### 7. Previous Transplant

- Please consult with the Eye Bank