



## “RECYCLE YOURSELF”

### Organ Donation - Know Your Facts

1. **Question: Which organs can be donated?**  
**Answer:** Currently one may be able to donate his/her eyes, heart, blood vessels, kidneys, liver, lungs and pancreas depending on their age, medical condition and circumstances at the time of death.
2. **Question: Who can become an organ donor?**  
**Answer:** All people regardless of age can be considered as potential organ donors. Kindly let your family know about your wishes. Sign an organ donor card so that there will be no confusion regarding your wish.
3. **Question: When must organs be removed?**  
**Answer:** Organs must be removed as soon as possible after the determination of brain death.
4. **Question: What is brain death?**  
**Answer:** Brain death is the diagnosis of death both medically and legally recognized. It occurs when blood flow to the brain stops for an extended period of time. A brain dead individual is one who has irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions or irreversible loss of all functions including brain stem. An authorized Medical Practitioner normally certifies brain death.
5. **Question: What kind of diseases affect organ donation?**  
**Answer:** Presence of active cancer, active HIV or any active infections would rule out organ donation.
6. **Question: Will my “organ donation” decision affect my medical care?**  
**Answer:** No, there are strict legal guidelines that must be followed before brain death can be declared. The doctors who treat the patient at the time of death are in no way involved with those responsible for organ removal. Organ donation is considered only after every effort has been made to save the patient's life.
7. **Question: Will my family have to pay for donation?**  
**Answer:** No, there is no charge to the donor family
8. **Question: How is a potential recipient identified?**  
**Answer:** The *FRONTIER LIFELINE HOSPITAL* maintains a registry of the patients in need of **heart transplants**. They are identified through a comprehensive evaluation of medical compatibility, organ size, blood type, medical urgency and location.
9. **Question: How successful are heart transplants?**  
**Answer:** Success rate for heart transplants in Frontier Lifeline is about 80%.
10. **Question: Is Frontier Lifeline authorized center for Heart transplantation?**  
**Answer:** Yes, The Govt. of Tamil Nadu has given us the permission to carry out Heart & Lung transplants.