Could my patient be a tissue donor?

Tissue donation can occur up to 24 hours after death.

Organ donation can only occur for patients who are ventilated in the ICU.

Tissue donation age criteria

- Eyes: 10 - 85 years
- Skin: ≥10 years
- Heart valves: 3.5kg infants - 70 years

Has your patient died of an unknown cause?

Yes → Donation NOT possible

No ↓

Any of these neurological disorders?

- Alzheimer's disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Huntington's chorea
- Dementia or unexplained neurological symptoms, e.g. ataxia, memory loss
- CJD in patient or immediate family
- Multiple sclerosis
- Motor neurone disease
- Current or recurring Guillain-Barre syndrome
- Chronic idiopathic demyelinating polyneuropathy
- Death with a neurological disease of unknown diagnosis

Yes → Donation NOT possible

No ↓

Any of these infections?

- Hepatitis B - HbsAg positive
- Hepatitis C
- HIV

Yes → Donation NOT possible

No ↓

Any of these malignancies?

- Leukaemia
- Lymphomatoid granulomatosis
- Myeloma
- Polycythaemia vera - primary (secondary polycythaemia is acceptable)
- Hodgkin lymphoma
- Lymphoma
- Lymphosarcoma
- Myeloproliferative neoplasms
- Metastatic melanoma

Yes → Donation NOT possible

No ↓

Any other malignancies?

Yes → Eye donation may be possible

Call ODNZ to discuss before raising with patient/whanau

No ↓

Any of these connective tissue or auto-immune diseases?

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Polyarteritis nodosa
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Myasthenia gravis

Yes → Eye donation may be possible

Call ODNZ to discuss before raising with patient/whanau

No ↓

Previous organ or tissue transplant?

Yes → Eye donation may be possible

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No ↓

Eye, skin and/or heart valve donation may be possible

Call an ODNZ donor coordinator 24/7 on (09) 630 0935

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