

## Steps to Eye/Organ Donation

1. Upon patient's death call the **Organ Donor Referral line @ 1-877-366-6722**. This call must be done right away. **The eyes must be retrieved in less than 8 hours.** If the patient is ventilated solid organs will be considered.

**It is Provincial Law as mandated by the “Human Tissue Gift Act of BC” to report all deaths of people 75 Years or younger.**

- A:** Provide the following information:
- Patient age
  - Admission Date
  - Time of Death
  - Cause of Death
  - Medical History (include Temperature and WBC if known)
  - Next of Kin
  - Coroner's Case
2. If the eye bank technician determines that the patient is suitable, give the family the option of eye donation. If no one is comfortable approaching the next of kin the Eye Bank will do so over the phone.
  3. Obtain written consent. A nurse, physician, social worker or a member of the clergy can do this. It can also be done verbally by the Eye Bank.
  4. If the family agrees:
    - a) Instill 4-5 gtts of artificial tears, Optimyxin or Normal Saline
    - b) Close and tape eyelids
    - c) Apply an ice bag or glove filled with ice to each eye

References: [www.eyebankofbc.com](http://www.eyebankofbc.com)