

## Summary Sheet

### CONSENT TO TREATMENT / PROCEDURE(S) Human Tissue and Organ Donation

#### Deceased Donor Who May Give Consent

An Adult donor who gave consent prior to his or her death,  
or

If the Adult donor's death is imminent or has died prior to giving consent or the person was a Minor, then a person in one of the following classes and in the following order of priority, may provide consent:

1. The spouse or Adult Interdependent Partner of the donor if they are not Estranged;
2. An Adult child of the donor;
3. A parent or Guardian of the donor;
4. An Adult sibling of the donor; or
5. Any other Adult next of kin of the donor

#### Who is Responsible to Obtain Consent

- The Donation Agency is responsible for obtaining Informed Consent.
- In certain circumstances a Health Practitioner trained in tissue and organ donation screening and in the donation and procurement consent process can obtain consent.

For further information on who can obtain consent, please contact:

· **Southern Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Program** through the Regional On-Call Application (ROCA) or the Foothills Medical Switchboard at 403-944-1110 or visit the website at <https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/tools/Page6492.aspx>

**Human Organ Procurement and Exchange (HOPE) Program** for organ donation and the **Comprehensive Tissue Centre (CTC)** for tissue donation they may both be reached through the University of Alberta Hospital locating at 1-866-407-1970.

#### Disclaimer

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#### Living Donor Who May Give Consent

- An Adult with Capacity

If a Patient is an

- Adult without Capacity to Consent:

1. An Agent where the Personal Directive authorizes the Agent to provide such a consent
2. A Guardian for the Adult where a court order authorizes the Guardian to provide such a consent

If the Patient is a

- Minor:

- A Guardian for the Minor may give Informed Consent if another Guardian would not refuse to give Informed Consent.

Donation of a Minor's tissue or organs requires consent and approval by an Independent Assessment Committee of the hospital that may procure the donated tissue or organ.

#### Witness

The following persons cannot witness the consent:

1. The physician who will remove the tissue/organ or perform the transplantation;
2. The recipient of the transplant and his/her immediate family;
3. A person who is required to give a consent in respect of the same donation.