



ME/CORONER DONATION RELEASE GUIDELINES

These are general guidelines for release of tissues associated with donation. These will be coupled with thoughtful judgment and can be modified as particular case circumstances dictate.

Time Table for Recovery Tissues

Type	Tissue(s)	Max recovery Time	Refrigerated	Non-refrigerated
Bone	Humerus, iliac crest, femur, tibia, and fibula	24 Hours		
Eyes	Whole or cornea only	10 Hours		
Heart	Whole heart for valves	24 Hours		
Veins	Saphenous, femoral	24 Hours		

Mid-America Transplant Services, located at 1110 Highlands Plaza Drive East, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri, will make all arrangements and continue contact with all appropriate personnel involved with autopsy throughout procedure. If MTS does the procedure in the hospital or morgue, they will continue to be responsible for bringing their own work supplies, will not require any assistance in the autopsy room, and will clean up after themselves.

Vitreous and blood can be obtained by MTS for the ME/Coroner office upon request with Chain of Custody form.

If the tissue donor is under age 55 and a heart valve donor, a heart pathology report provided by CryoLife can be requested along with residual heart tissue.

Bone/skin donation must be procured in an operating room. MTS has two operating rooms that donors will be transferred to for procurement upon family consent. Transportation will be arranged and paid for by MTS. If there are time constraints associated with autopsy, procurement can be done in hospital operating room.

There should be no situation that should defer or preclude vital organ donation if the organ is viable for transplant.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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