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Texas

Leaving a Legacy

An overview of the importance of thinking about end of life decisions now and the possibility of donation

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What is the most important conversation in America?



Ellen Goodman, the Conversation Project

Why now?

- 90% of people say talking with their loved ones about end of life is important
- But, only 27% have actually done so

*Source: CDC 2005



Why now?

- 60% of people say that making sure their family is not burdened by tough decisions (at end of life) is extremely important
- But, 56% of people have not communicated their end of life wishes to their legal NOK

*Source: CDC 2005



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The possibility of donation

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Organ, Tissue and Eye Donation

- Organ donation: brain death = must be on a ventilator
- Tissue and Eye donation: cardiac death
- Whole body donation or Bequest
 - You can still donate your corneas and donate your body
 - Both tissue and eye bank work with Whole Body Donation Programs

Did You Know...

- 53% of Travis, 58% of Williamson, and 54% of Hays County residents are registered donors?
- 8.8 million Texans are registered donors
- The Donate Life Texas Registry is the nation's third largest and fastest-growing

*Source: www.donatelifetexas.org



What is donor designation



The Heart!



What does that mean for me as a caregiver?

- Preparing for growing tide of people who have already decided to be a donor

How can you help?

- Begin a conversation about end of life wishes
- Help honor end of life wishes by:
 - Making a referral to the Eye Bank at the time of death
 - 1-866-846-7974
- Become a donor today at:
 - www.donatelifetexas.org
 - And share your decision with your legal NOK



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