

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

By donating organs and tissues for research, you will make a lasting impact on future generations by helping HIV scientists to understand the disease. Your donated tissue will be analyzed to study causes of disease and disorders. Some of your de-identified health information may be provided to researchers to help understand links between genes and medical conditions. Donated tissues may be placed into a BioBank and tissues may be studied for many years to come for a variety of research projects.

PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS

Researchers in academic medical centers, non-profit research organizations, as well as pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies rely on NDRI for access to quality human biospecimens and data in critical high-demand areas of research. The findings from the research performed with these biospecimens has been referenced in more than 2,500 articles in peer-reviewed scientific and medical publications.

NDRI PROVIDES THE RESOURCES FOR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

NDRI is the nation's leading source for high quality biospecimens for research.

NDRI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that annually ships more than 28,000 biospecimens from our nationwide procurement network to over 500 researchers worldwide.

Make an impact by donating organ or tissue samples.

For 35 years, National Disease Research Interchange has revolutionized the progress of scientific research by partnering with organ and tissue donation programs to procure and distribute human biospecimens to biomedical researchers. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has provided funding to NDRI since 1987.



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Advancing medical research through organ and tissue donation



HIV patients

YOU CAN HELP FIND A CURE

Become an organ and tissue donor for human immunodeficiency virus research

THE NDRI HIV PRIVATE DONOR PROGRAM

NDRI's HIV Private Donor Program gives HIV positive individuals and their families an opportunity to leave a meaningful legacy. We do this by providing a simple system through which organs and tissues can be donated for HIV research after death. In addition, HIV patients have the opportunity to donate their discarded tissues after a surgery or blood donation. Once you register as a private donor, NDRI handles the recovery of tissues and provides them to NDRI-approved researchers.

NDRI WORKS WITH HIV POSITIVE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO WANT TO HELP OTHERS BY DONATING ORGANS AND TISSUES FOR HIV RESEARCH

To coordinate these recoveries, NDRI partners with Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO), tissue banks, hospitals, pathologists, medical examiners, tissue recovery specialists, and funeral homes. These highly skilled professionals help champion the wishes of NDRI's registered HIV donors.

DONATE TODAY FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW.

Patients and families can find comfort and hope in knowing that they are assisting in the advancement of HIV treatment. Each donation gets us closer to finding a new treatment or cure for HIV.



ONCE YOU CHOOSE HOPE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE



The HIV Organ Policy Equity (**HOPE**) Act gives HIV-positive patients the opportunity to donate their organs for transplant into HIV-positive recipients. Without the advancement of HIV research and medicine this would not have been possible. It is estimated that in over a year, 1,000 individuals with HIV will get a second chance at life.

REQUESTED HIV SPECIFIC INFORMATION

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY	HAART MEDICATIONS
CD4 COUNTS	VIRAL LOADS

Hundreds of tissues from HIV positive donors have been distributed to researchers in recent years, allowing the continuation of important studies including:

- Reducing the resistance of drug combination therapies used for HIV treatment.
- Understanding how HIV causes dementia
- Developing therapeutic agents against liver derived diseases.
- Developing better HIV treatments by locating and targeting reservoirs for HIV infected cells.
- Determining whether distinct and/or specific therapeutic strategies may be required by quantifying the size of HIV infected cell reservoirs.
- Harnessing the HIV's nucleus-penetrating ability to perform gene therapy and treat many different types of disease.



“NDRI has provided fresh brain tissues samples that have allowed us to purify different cells including astrocytes, microglia, and T-cells for our studies in neuroAIDS.”

– Paul R. Clapham, PhD

Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING A DONATION

- Your family and loved one must be aware of your wishes to donate.
- Donation is anonymous – researchers will not be able to contact you or your family without prior authorization.
- Registering to be a donor will not compromise your privacy. Your next-of-kin will never be informed of your HIV status.
- Only those tissues needed for research will be recovered.
- Co-infections such as Hepatitis B/C or HIV-specific cancers are accepted.
- Donation will not prevent you from having a normal funeral, nor delay funeral arrangements.
- NDRI is responsible for the cost directly related to the recovery, and placement of organs and tissues.
- Funeral/burial/cremation expense after donation are not the responsibility of NDRI.



Your gift supports critical disease research. Register today to be an organ and tissue donor.

An NDRI coordinator can be contacted 24/7. Call 800-222-NDRI (6374) or e-mail at info@ndriresource.org