



## Rotary International District 3140 Eye Donation Drive

### Eye Donation

There are millions of people who are blind because of problems affecting the cornea. They can regain good vision by corneal transplantation (so called eye transplant). But the rate of eye donations is far less than the need. Therefore, it is an appeal to everyone to pledge to donate your eyes.

#### Can a living person donate his eyes?

Eye donations are NOT taken from a living person, but are removed only from the dead. However, anybody can pledge to donate his eyes and his wish can be fulfilled by his kins after his demise.

#### What part of the eye is transplanted?

Although the entire eye is removed from the body but it is only the cornea that can be transplanted. Usually artificial or plastic eyes are put in the socket of the dead and eyelids stitched together to restore normal appearance of the face.

#### How to pledge?

All you have to do is to fill up an eye donation form available from any eye bank and submit it in the nearest eye bank. For your convenience eye donation form of the Eye Bank Coordination & Research Center is given below. You can make a copy of the form and post it to the address given at the bottom.

#### Any other formality?

In the event of death of the individual the relatives / kins are required to inform the nearest eye bank or the physician taking care of the individual about his wish of donating his eyes or Call 1919 (24 hours). They are also required to sign a consent form before the eyes can be removed.

#### Will the relatives get to know the recipient of the eyes?

No. The identity of both the recipient and the donor is kept a secret.

#### Are there any payments involved?

No. There are no payment or money involved for donor or for the recipient for the corneal transplantation i.e., there is no payment for the eye or cornea. (However, the recipient may have to pay for the operation charges).

#### What to do in the event of death?

1) Call 1919 from your landline for Eye Donation. 2) Keep death certificate ready. 3) Switch off fan, if possible switch on AC. 4) Close the eyelids and put wet cotton on the lids. 5) Put two pillows beneath the donor's head.

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#### (Form for pledging to donate the eyes)

Please get the following pledge form filled from donors and send it to the address given at the bottom after carefully filling it. Donor's laminated card with Rotary logo and sponsor's logo will be sent to the address written on the form within one month's time. Card will read like "PROUD TO BE EYE DONOR"

Eye Bank Coordination & Research Center  
(Authority by Donor for removal of eyes)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ hereby express my free and frank consent for the removal of my eyes after my death from my body, by a registered medical practitioner (Ophthalmic) of a recognised Eye Bank / Hospital for their use for therapeutic purposes. I have been explained and I understand all the aspect of such a donation.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

1. Witness (Next of kin)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Witness

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No., if any \_\_\_\_\_

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for official use only  
Donor Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Send the above form for laminated donors card to: **Shekhar Eye Research Center, 108, Falcon Court, Hari Om Nagar, Mulund (E), Mumbai 400081 India. T+91 22 25327459 F + 91 22 25327410 [shekhar@shekhareye.com](mailto:shekhar@shekhareye.com) [www.shekhareye.com](http://www.shekhareye.com)**

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