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DONATION & TRANSPLANTATION LANGUAGE

In order to demonstrate sensitivity and respect for heroic organ, eye and tissue donors and their loved ones, we ask everyone to please be mindful of the language used when discussing organ, eye and tissue donation. Many changes in terminology have been suggested by those whose loved ones have given the gift of life. We encourage you to honor those families and use the preferred terms when reporting on donation and transplantation.

FORMER TERMS

Harvest, Harvesting, Procure, Procurement

Cadaver, Cadaveric

Life Support

Did a Donor

Donated Body Parts

PREFERRED TERMS

Recover, Recovery, Recovering Organs,
Corneas and Tissue

Deceased Donor

Mechanical Support, Ventilator

Facilitated a Donation

Donated Organs, Corneas and Tissue

There are many medical terms associated with the donation process. For a complete list of topics related to the field of donation and transplantation, please visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website (www.organdonor.gov/about/terms_and_topics/topica.html).