



THERE'S A **HERO** IN US ALL

PRE-PLAN FOR PEACE OF MIND

No-Cost Cremation

REGISTER YOUR INTENT TO
DONATE YOUR BODY TO SCIENCE



800.417.3747

www.sciencecare.com

A Letter from Science Care

Since founded in 2000, Science Care has been established on public trust.

Our program's foundation is our culture of respect for donors, their loved ones, our employees, and the communities that are home to our operations. We have one opportunity to honor a donor's last wishes, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

During our years as a public trust program, we have witnessed the unfortunate outcomes of a few unethical individuals and organizations, who have threatened the integrity and moral perception of the entire industry. These organizations' actions are not a reflection of the industry, but a reflection of unprincipled individuals who took advantage of donors and their loved ones at an extremely difficult and vulnerable time. As the industry leader, our hearts extend to any donor family touched by this deception.

The actions of these organizations, coupled with sensationalism in the media, raises questions for donors and their families. Our goal is to be a resource to answer any questions you might have and



provide you with peace of mind in your decision to donate to science.

Science Care partners with medical researchers and educators who change the world for all of us. Because of this, donors who contribute to the Science Care program impact many parts of our lives. **To put this into perspective, if you or someone you know has ever taken a prescription medication, used a skin product, had an orthopedic implant, a minimally invasive surgery, or even been a transplant recipient, our donors have helped and continue to help train and develop these areas of medicine.** I can speak for all of us when I say, our donors are the unsung heroes that live on.

As the industry leader, we are responsible for continuing to establish standards for the non-transplant tissue banking

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Donation is conditional upon medical suitability criteria at the time of passing. This honors the intent of donation and safely serves the needs of the medical community. Establishing an alternate plan is advisable, as well as informing your loved ones of your wishes should donation not be possible.

industry that protect our donors, their loved ones, our clients, and our communities. Recently, we participated in movements to mandate licensing and accreditation for non-transplant tissue banks in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, and Texas. The Science Care team will continue to support and build regulations that improve our industry. We want you to be proud of our program, our industry, and all that we stand for.

We are fully committed to our donors, donor families, clients, and the larger industry. Thank you for your continued support of our program.

Tricia Hammett
CEO & PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Non-Transplant AND Organ Donation Comparison

YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR INTENT FOR **BOTH** NON-TRANSPLANT & ORGAN DONATION

Science Care always encourages life-saving donation prior to body donation to science. You will need to register for both programs separately, and let your loved ones know of your wish to donate to both organizations.

Body Donation to Science

Organ & Tissue Donation

0.3% of people pass in a way that allows for organ donation

Non-Transplant Donation

96% of people accepted in the Science Care program are placed with educational and research programs *

Options to Register	Driver's License Online Registry with your local state	CALL 800-417-3747	ONLINE REGISTRY www.sciencecare.com/join
Description	Organ donation is the process of surgically removing an organ or tissue from one person (an organ donor) and placing it into another living person (the recipient). Transplantation is necessary because the recipient's organ has failed or has been damaged by disease or injury.	Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Organizations, or NADOs, recover human tissue donations which are NOT intended for transplant into a living patient.	
What Organs and Tissue are Utilized	Heart, Lungs, Liver, Pancreas, Kidneys, Intestines, Cornea, Middle Ear, Skin, Bone, Bone Marrow, Heart Valves, Connective Tissue, Vascularized composite allografts, blood vessels, etc.	Uses for medical research and education vary, but can span across the entire body. Body donors for science also help to train organ and tissue transplant teams, as well as allow them to practice transplant procedures prior to performing transplant on live patients.	
Who Benefits	Any live recipients of organ or tissue transplant, or any researcher or educator who may acquire organs or tissue that were not able to be placed with a live recipient.	Every body donation to science has the ability to impact an immeasurable number of lives through advancements in surgical technology, as well as educating and training the medical professionals of tomorrow.	
Who Can Donate and Typical Rule Outs	People of all ages should consider themselves potential donors. Programs and needs vary based on many factors. A medical assessment will be done to determine what organs or tissue can be donated. Certain conditions, such as having HIV, actively spreading cancer, or severe infection would exclude organ donation.	Anyone 18 years of age or older should consider themselves a potential donor. Most people meet the criteria for body donation to science, including those with cancer, heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, and many other chronic conditions. Certain conditions such as having HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, extremely high or low BMI, donor condition, consent issues, location of residence or passing, or an inability to place the donation with current medical research and education projects at the time of donor passing may impact final acceptance into the Science Care Program.	

* ~4% not placed with educational and research programs are typically due to contagious disease and donor condition. This number may be impacted due to pandemic or extenuating circumstances.

Medical Programs

Supported by Body Donation to Science

HE WONDERED
WHAT WE COULD
DO WITH THIS
OLD BODY...

This is just a *small portion*
of what donating your
body to science can
impact

ARM/HAND

- ▶ Carpal Tunnel Release
- ▶ Radial/Ulna Fracture Repair
- ▶ Elbow Repair
- ▶ Digit Fixation

LUNG

- ▶ COPD
- ▶ Biopsy

PELVIS

- ▶ Incontinence Repair
- ▶ Hip Fracture
- ▶ Hip Replacement

LEGS

- ▶ Vein Stripping
- ▶ Femur/Tibial/Fibular Fracture Repair
- ▶ Knee Replacement
- ▶ Knee Repair
- ▶ Ankle Fusion or Replacement
- ▶ Bunion Repair
- ▶ Peripheral Arterial Disease Stenting

CEPHALUS

- ▶ Neurological Studies
- ▶ Ear, Nose and Throat
- ▶ Facial Reconstruction
- ▶ Tracheostomy
- ▶ Carotid Artery Stenting & Repair

NECK

- ▶ Balloon Sinuplasty

SHOULDER

- ▶ Shoulder Arthroscopy
- ▶ Humeral Fracture Repair
- ▶ Rotator Cuff Repair

SPINE

- ▶ Spinal Fusion
- ▶ Discectomy
- ▶ Laminectomy

TORSO

- ▶ Hernia Repair
- ▶ Colostomy
- ▶ Rib Fracture Repair
- ▶ Minimally Invasive Spine Repair
- ▶ Mastectomy
- ▶ Heart Stenting
- ▶ Abdominal Aortic Grafting



The Power of Peace of Mind

Be a hero to your loved ones.

By registering your intent with Science Care, you give your loved ones the gift of clarity and save them from the responsibility of wondering what you want during an emotional time.

Options:	No Action	Registration of Intent with Science Care	Science Care HOPE Program [®]
Description	Your loved ones are left to decide whether to donate your body to science or not.	Your wishes to donate your body to science have been made clear. You have signed up to be on the Registry, self-consents have been completed, and loved ones have been notified of your wish to donate. Acceptance into the donation process will be determined after time of passing.	The HOPE Program [®] for hospice and terminally ill patients is a pre-screening program offering 12-month priority consideration for acceptance at the time of passing, with restrictions**. This gives you and your family peace of mind when you need it most.
Benefits	None	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register in 5 minutes over the phone or online 2. Complete self-consents prior to donation* 3. Express your wishes to loved ones 4. Enroll in the HOPE Program[®] at the point of terminal illness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once terminally ill or under hospice care, complete medical screening and social history prior to passing 2. Complete self-consents prior to donation* 3. Express your wishes to your loved ones
Steps to be completed now	None	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete registration 2. Sign and submit consent forms 3. Notify loved ones of your wish to donate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical screening and social history completed 2. Self-consent completed or consent determined 3. Death certificate information obtained 4. Wishes expressed to loved ones
Steps to be completed after passing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical screening and social history completed 2. Consenter determined and all people in the legal consenting class must sign the consent forms (if there is not a legal consenter we cannot proceed) 3. Death certificate information collected 4. Transport provider sent to bring you into our care 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical screening and social history completed 2. Consenter determined and all people in the legal consenting class must sign consent (if there is not a legal consenter we cannot proceed) 3. Death certificate information collected 4. Transport provider sent to bring you into our care 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify Science Care of passing 2. Transport provider sent to bring you into our care

* Self-consent can only be completed as long as there is no memory loss, confusion, Alzheimer's, or dementia. Loved ones can choose another end-of-life option at the time of passing.

** Restrictions apply. Consent issues, location of residence or passing, donor condition, legal issues, contagious disease, or any inability to place the donation with current medical research or education projects at the time of donor passing may impact final acceptance into the Science Care Program, including the HOPE Program[®]. Please review HOPE Program[®] Terms & Conditions at www.sciencecare.com, or call 800-417-3747.

What to Expect as a Science Care Donor After Passing



NOTIFICATION CALL

► A loved one or care provider contacts Science Care to notify of your passing.

► A brief medical screening is conducted by phone to determine acceptance.*

Most everyone will qualify. Most common rule-out for donation is contagious disease.

► Upon acceptance, pertinent contact and demographic information is collected by a Science Care Representative.*

- Science Care coordinates transportation to bring you or your loved one into our care.
- Your loved ones are then assigned a direct point of contact who will assist them through the donation process.

They will obtain signed authorizations from all donation and cremation consenters.

If necessary, a supplemental medical form, social history form and death certificate form is sent to the consenters for completion (may also be completed by phone, in most cases,) and returned electronically.

- Science Care files the death certificate in the county of passing. Your loved ones are responsible for purchasing certified copies of the death certificate directly from the county.



DONATION PROCESS BEGINS



COMPLETION OF DONATION

► Tissue is recovered for medical research, training and education programs.

► Any tissue that is not a match for our program is then cremated and returned to your loved ones within 3-5 weeks following the donation.

Memorial Services

Many families still decide to have a Celebration of Life or memorial service for their loved one. This can be coordinated by family members with a local funeral home.

Legacy Letter

Science Care sends a Legacy Letter to all consenters the month following the donation.

This letter outlines the research programs going on at the time of the donation.

Memory In Nature

Each year a tree sapling is planted to honor the life of every donor who makes the choice to donate.



CELEBRATION OF THE DONATION

* These steps will be complete already if donor was enrolled in the Science Care HOPE Program® prior to passing.

Your Options: Comparison Guide

Each day potential donors ask Science Care the differences between burial, university donation, cremation, organ donation, and body donation to science.

This is a very good question. We can certainly understand the need to know the difference, as it is a very important choice you are faced with. Here at Science Care, we only coordinate body donation to science. The comparison below outlines a few key differences between each of these end-of-life options.

Option	Description	Benefits	Cost	Remains
Burial	The body is typically embalmed for preservation, placed in a casket and then a cemetery plot.	May fulfill a cultural or familial tradition. Provides a final resting place for visiting and can provide a sense of closure or final goodbye.	\$2,000 Avg Casket \$9,000 Avg Funeral + Burial + Plot + Marker	Buried
University Donation	The body is gifted to a willied body program at a medical school. The body is embalmed and cremated after 1-3 years. Cremated remains may not be available for return.	The donor and family may feel comfort in knowing the donation serves an important purpose in helping to train existing and future healthcare providers and serve future generations. Depending on the program, this may eliminate or reduce financial burden on the surviving family. Tissue received will typically remain at the university to serve for its educational, clinical, and research pursuits. Students train using cadavers before they extend care to the public as licensed professionals.	\$0 - \$1000 Many are no cost, but several charge for transportation to the university or have a donation processing fee.	If returned, typically will be provided to the family after use (1-3 years).
Cremation	The body is reduced to fine particles known as cremated remains. These remains are then placed in an urn, interred in a tomb or mausoleum, or scattered.	May fulfill a cultural tradition, and provides a place for visiting or the sharing of cremated remains among loved ones. May reduce financial burden on the surviving family.	\$1,100 - \$3,700 The cost can vary greatly depending on the provider and the packages selected. The family can choose from several service options which could impact the final cost.	Returned to family in 1-3 weeks. Expedited service may be requested, typically for an additional fee.
Organ Donation	An organ is gifted from one person to a live transplant recipient. The organ or organs are generally procured at the hospital at the time of passing.	The donor and their loved ones are able to potentially save the life of another, by offering the gift of organ donation. Once organ donation is complete, you have the option to donate your body to science as well, or proceed with more traditional arrangements like burial or cremation. If you want to do both organ donation and body donation to science, it is important you sign up for both individually and let your loved ones know of your wish to do both.	There is no cost to donate organs, but there may be one associated with transportation, as well as the cost of final disposition, depending on the option loved ones choose.	Dependent on the final disposition chosen.
Donating Your Body to Science	The body is gifted to a non-transplant tissue bank. Typically, tissue is placed with medical research and training programs. Tissue not utilized for this purpose is cremated and returned in a temporary urn.	In addition to the cremation benefits, the donor and family may find comfort by helping to advance healthcare for generations to come. Also reduces financial burden on the surviving family. The tissue utilized supports medical research, education, and training around the globe.	Programs vary Science Care is a NO COST option that includes transportation, cremation, the return of cremated remains not matched with a current Science Care program and filing of the death certificate.	Programs vary – Science Care returns cremated remains not matched with a current Science Care program to the family within 3-5 weeks of the donation.

Science Care HOPE Program® =

ONE YEAR
Priority Consideration

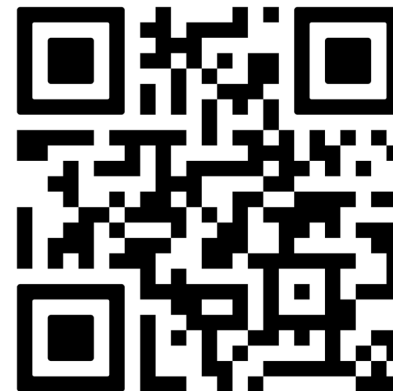


If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, you are eligible to be screened for acceptance to the Science Care HOPE Program®.

Registration DOES NOT equal guaranteed acceptance or priority consideration.

Benefits:

- No upper age limit, most people will qualify
- Allows for pre-screening and one-year priority consideration for acceptance into program at the time of passing
- No cost for coordination of transportation, filing the death certificate, cremation, or the return of cremated remains to your loved one
- Patient, family, loved one, or healthcare provider may initiate the HOPE® Program process
- Patients without history of memory loss, confusion, Alzheimer's, or dementia are able to self-consent, otherwise a legal consentor will be determined
- We are available 24-7 at (800) 417-3747



SCAN HERE
TO ENROLL

If you become terminally ill after registering with Science Care,
call Science Care to be screened for enrollment in the HOPE PROGRAM®

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Avoid Unexpected Outcomes



It is estimated
OVER 40%
of donors who register
to donate
**NEVER
BECOME
DONORS**

#1 REASON

*Their loved ones were
not aware of their
wish to donate*

#2 REASON

*Self-consents were not
complete and there is no legal
consenter at the time of passing*

WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO DONATE YOUR BODY TO SCIENCE, you can take steps to ensure your wishes are carried out. For each step you take, the burden is removed from your loved ones and the impact of your gift is strengthened.

OTHER COMMON REASONS YOUR WISH TO DONATE ISN'T FULFILLED

Document Inconsistencies

Legal documents like a Power of Attorney, Will, or Healthcare Directive state a refusal to donate. **Make sure the documents don't contradict your wish to donate.**

Transportation Miscommunication

Our partnering transport provider wasn't the funeral home sent for transport by your loved one. **Make sure Science Care is the first call once passing has been pronounced.** This would again point to making your wishes known to loved ones, so our process can be completed properly.

Family Misunderstanding

A family's request for directed research programs. Science Care cannot guarantee a donor will go to cancer research, Alzheimer's research, diabetes research, etc. **Science Care will match donors with current research programs happening at the time of donation.**

Science Care Memory In Nature® Program

Each year, Science Care plants a tree to honor the life of every donor who makes the choice to donate.

Tree saplings are planted in National Forests throughout the country helping to preserve public land and provide food and habitat for wildlife.

THE SCIENCE CARE
PROGRAM IS ABOUT

Life

DEATH HAPPENS ALL ON ITS OWN.

Science Care is proud to help the earth and humanity heal through life-affirming action.

The Memory In Nature® program is a small way we honor the gift of donation to science and leave the world a better place for future generations.

Body donation to science is a way to give back at the end of life to make the lives of your loved ones and those left behind better!



Are You Ready to Take Action?



JOIN THE REGISTRY *or* ENROLL IN HOPE®

HOPE® for hospice and terminally ill patients is a pre-screening program offering a 12-month priority consideration for acceptance at the time of passing.

The impact you have on people is the greatest thing you can ever achieve.
BE REMEMBERED FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF A BETTER LIFE!

Your Questions Answered

Who do you work with? Who are your clients?

Science Care's clients include top pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, renowned educational institutions, and healthcare organizations large and small, focused on improving patient outcomes and advancing medicine.

Are you a non-profit organization?

Science Care takes pride in being a for-profit business focused on compliance, ethics, and continuous improvement. Respect for our donors, their loved ones, and our clients has allowed us to be a leader in an industry positively changing the world.

How do I know Science Care is legitimate?

Science Care is the first donate-your-body-to-science program to be accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks, which sets the ethical standards in non-transplant tissue banking. To maintain accreditation, Science Care willingly

undergoes an intensive screening process and ongoing internal and third-party audits.

As the industry leader, Science Care continues to help establish standards within the industry. Science Care has participated in movements to encourage the mandating of licensing and accreditation for non-transplant tissue banks in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, and Texas.



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