

# Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) and Organ and Tissue Donation

If you are considering MAID as a part of your end-of-life choices, you may also have the opportunity to donate organs and tissues.

After your decision regarding MAID, you will be provided the opportunity to discuss organ and tissue donation with a donation expert.

Donation benefits individuals waiting for organ and tissue transplant. Transplant is a treatment option for life-threatening diseases. It can assist with wound healing after burns, restoring vision and improving mobility.

## 1 Donation is Possible with MAID

Individuals applying for MAID may be surprised to learn that becoming an organ and tissue donor is still a possibility.

As with all donors, an assessment of your medical status, diagnosis and history would be necessary to determine your eligibility. In some cases, additional testing may be required.

## 2 Would Your Plan Change?

If you decide to pursue donation and are eligible, most things, such as the option of having loved ones with you and observing specific ceremonies and rituals would be unaffected by donation.

Some changes to your end-of-life plans may, however, be necessary in order for certain types of donation to be possible. Our coordinators would work with you to understand your wishes and to include donation with as little effect on your plans as possible.

## 3 Connecting With You

Trillium Gift of Life Network's mission is to save and enhance lives by honouring individuals' decisions to donate organs and tissue. After the first approved assessment for MAID, a coordinator from Trillium Gift of Life Network would be available to discuss your end-of-life plans and help you to understand the opportunity for organ and tissue donation.

Should you choose to pursue donation as part of your end-of-life plans, the coordinator would work with your MAID care team to start the donation eligibility assessment process.

If you have decided you would like more information on organ and tissue donation, please ask your provider about your referral to Trillium Gift of Life Network.