



ROCHESTER/FINGER LAKES EYE & TISSUE BANK

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DONOR STATISTICS

Facility	Eye	Tissue
Auburn Memorial Hospital	6	0
Gayuga Medical Center at Ithaca	2	1
Charles Cole Memorial Hospital	1	*
Claxton Hepburn Medical Center	1	1
Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic	4	0
Corning Hospital	3	2
E.J. Noble Hospital, Gouverneur	0	0
F.F. Thompson Health System	1	1
Geneva General Hospital	5	4
Highland Hospital of Rochester	2	0
Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital	2	2
Lakeside Memorial Hospital	2	3
Lewis County General Hospital	0	0
Nicholas H. Noyes Memorial Hospital	0	0
Oneida Healthcare Center	1	1
River Hospital	0	0
Robert Packer Hospital	11	*
Rome Memorial Hospital	3	1
Samaritan Medical Center	2	0
Schuyler Hospital	1	1
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital	0	0
St. James Mercy Health System	4	2
Strong Memorial Hospital	20	14
Troy Community Hospital	0	*
Unity Health, Genesee St. Campus	0	0
Unity Health-Park Ridge Hospital	6	3
ViaHealth of Wayne, Newark	4	1
ViaHealth, Rochester General Hospital	10	6
Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office	2	1
Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office	4	0
Other (non-acute facilities)	2	0

* eye donations only

TOTAL	99	44
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HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 2007:

- 267 corneas were provided for sight-restoring surgeries
- 48 people received human heart valve implants
- 24 bypass operations were possible using donor veins
- 145 people were helped by skin donations
- 4,200 individuals benefited from other tissue transplants such as bone, pericardium, fascia and tendons

Thank each and every one of you for your part in this effort!

From the Director of Professional Services,
Bob Bray, C.I.A. (*Certified Internal Auditor*)

As we find ourselves at mid-summer, it seems that a lot has happened these past months.

The latest issue for our hospital partners is the Joint Commission requirement for the thorough tracking of all allograft tissue through the transplant process. This is being done to prevent the spread of disease from transplantable or already transplanted tissue. Hospitals need a system or procedure that tracks allograft tissue after it is implanted by surgeons.

Here at R/FLETB we carefully record every tissue from every recovery and then follow it to the processor or to whom the tissue was implanted (for ocular tissue). The processors we work with, Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF), CryoLife, Regeneration Technologies, Inc. (RTI), all track the tissue that they the distribute back to hospitals.

Hopefully, any allograft tissue that your hospital implants has been tracked. If it has not, contact your supplier and they should be able to assist in establishing a procedure.

As always, should you have any question regarding this or anything in the recovery or transplant arena, please let Caron Field or myself know and we will get answers for you. We are your SERVICE representatives and enjoy helping however, whenever and wherever we can.

Welcome

**CARON FIELD, R.N.,
JOINS AGENCY AS
REGIONAL COORDINATOR**



Caron of East Syracuse, a 2000 graduate of Crouse School of Nursing, has joined the staff at R/FLETB as regional coordinator. Caron is responsible for the planning and administration of all aspects of hospital development activities in the Central and Northern NY regions. She also coordinates the recovery of cardiovascular, skin, ocular and musculoskeletal tissues.

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