

## I Hereby Consent To:

1. Have any bone that would normally be discarded during the procedure retained and used for transplantation or education and research purposes.
2. Have blood taken for testing for HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Syphilis and HTLV 1 & 2.
3. Australian Tissue Donation Network staff contacting my medical provider for more information where required.

Are you suffering from any known infectious disease? **Y / N**

Have you ever been diagnosed with ANY type of cancer or melanoma? **Y / N**

Did you live in the United Kingdom for longer than 6 months between 1980 and 1996? **Y / N**

Have you travelled overseas in the last 12 months? **Y / N**

Patient Name:

Patient Signature:

Patient Date of Birth:

Patient Address:

Patient Phone:

Email Address:

Witness Name:

Witness Signature:

Date Consent Signed:

Hospital:

Date of Surgery:

Surgeon:

### Please return completed form to:

**E:** [donor@tissuedonationnetwork.org.au](mailto:donor@tissuedonationnetwork.org.au)

**F:** 02 9972 7989

**A:** PO Box 29, Belrose West, NSW 2085



Enabling Donors to  
give the gift of healing  
to those in need

The Australian Tissue Donation Network is a not-for-profit procurement agency that works in partnership with the NSW Bone Bank and Donate Life, to facilitate and increase donations of all types of tissue, throughout Australia. We are working towards having Australian-made, Australian sourced Musculoskeletal Tissue available to all Australians who are in need.

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## Are you having a hip replacement?

Donate your bone and make a difference.

The Femoral Head Donation Program facilitates tissue donation by enabling patients, having routine hip replacement surgery, to donate their bone. The piece of bone removed during surgery (the femoral head) would normally be discarded, but by donating the femoral head, it can be made into bone grafts which help many patients having various types of orthopaedic and spinal surgeries. It is also used in surgery for bone cancers in children and adults, neuro-spinal surgeries, treatment of non-healing fractures, dental surgery and maxillofacial surgeries, patients with major bone loss, spinal and sports injuries.



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## How Can You Make A Difference?

Donors need to be aged between 15 and 90 years, therefore, practically anyone is eligible. By donating your bone, you are improving the quality of life of many recipients. Bone is the second most commonly transplanted tissue in the world after blood. Bone that is generously donated is crafted into life changing "allograft" material, which is supplied to patients, undergoing the following types of treatment:

- Surgery for bone cancers in children and adults
- Neuro-spinal surgeries
- Treatment of non-healing fractures
- Joint replacement and other orthopaedic surgeries
- Patients with major bone loss
- Spinal and sports injuries

During the surgical procedure, blood will be taken for routine screening tests, similar to when you donate blood. All details provided to us remain 100% confidential. If you have travelled to or spent 6 months or more in a known malaria endemic region, you may be required to undergo further blood tests.

Donated tissues undergo processing to clean and shape the tissue into finished grafts. Processing is performed by a private, TGA licensed facility. The finished grafts may be supplied within or outside Australia.



**This is a community service, there is no change to your surgery and there are no additional costs to you or the hospital.**

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## How Can You Donate?

The decision to become a bone donor or any type of donor is a personal one and you should inform your surgeon of your wishes to donate your femoral head.

You will need to complete and sign the attached consent form or visit our website and register there. A staff member from ATDN will contact you to complete a confidential medical and social history questionnaire, they will also provide you with any other information you may require. Completing this information will allow us to arrange for your bone to be collected and stored.

Thank you for giving your time and consideration to making a tissue donation for the benefit of other Australians.

"I felt so proud to be a donor. It made me feel like I was doing something for someone who needed and deserved it most. It turned a necessary and unappealing operation into something positive for me."

– Elizabeth B.

"This is such a great thing to do, it's so clever to be able to use the bone instead of throwing it away. Why WOULDN'T you donate and help someone? It was so easy."

– James K.

**"No act of kindness,**

**however small, is ever wasted"**

– Aesop



"My brother received a double lung transplant a few years ago. It saved his life. By donating my bone, I felt like I helped someone, and I was returning the favour, so to speak and saying a "thank you" to someone somewhere for saving my brother's life."

– Nancy S.