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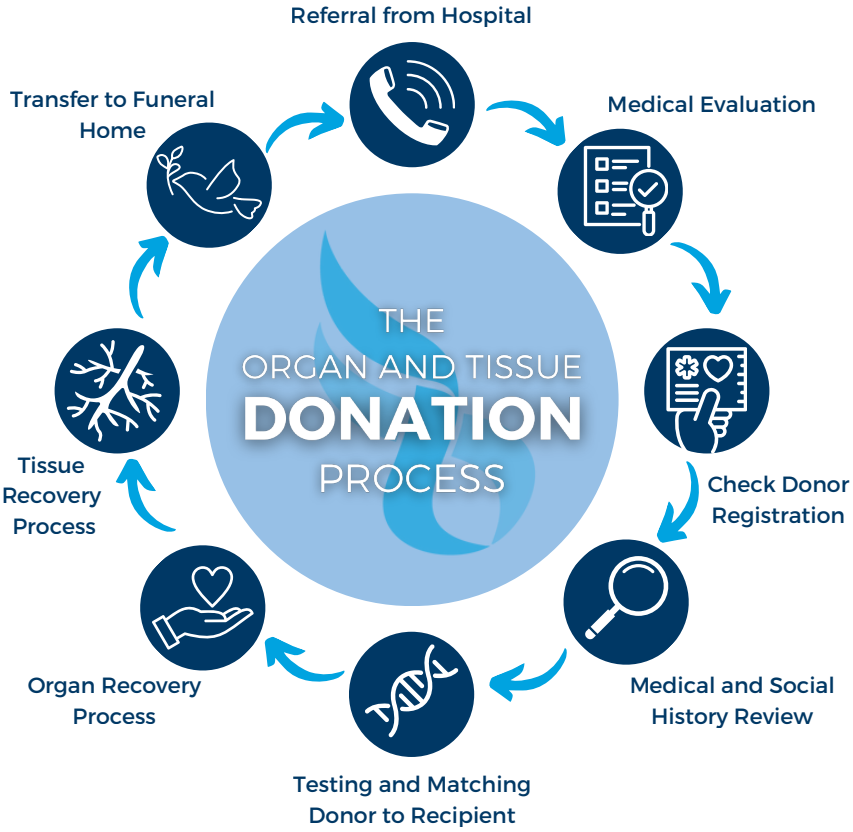
SOUTH CAROLINA ORGAN & TISSUE RECOVERY SERVICES

Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) AT-A-GLANCE

We Are Sharing Hope SC (SHSC) is South Carolina's federally designated, non-profit OPO facilitating organ, eye and tissue recovery services for the state. As one of 56 OPOs across the United States, we offer professional education and resources about donation to our community, partners and over 80 hospitals. These efforts are to maximize the amount and quality of donated organs and tissues to ultimately save more lives. Together we inspire, offer hope and change lives through the gift of organ, eye and tissue donation.

The Roles of an OPO

- Facilitation of the donation process (according to federal regulations) including recovery, preservation of donor organs, and transportation to hospital or transplant center.
- Clinical management of organ donors and assessment of medical suitability including authorization, testing, and recipient matching.
- Provide compassionate care and grief support for families before, during and after donation.
- Public education for people to make informed decisions about donation.
- Development of hospital donation policies/procedures and healthcare professional education.
- Facilitation of communication between donor families and recipients.



OPOs do not have the legal authority to declare death and only proceed with organ donation after death has been declared. The declaration of death is made only by independent medical professionals. OPOs follow strict ethical guidelines and regulations to respect donors and help save lives.

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