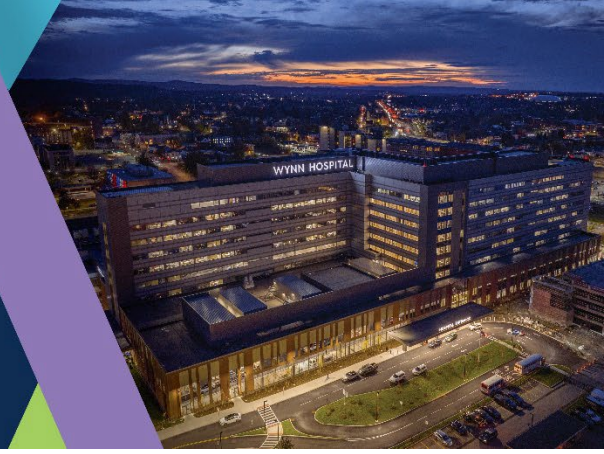


Just the Facts

MVHS & WYNN HOSPITAL

There's so much happening in healthcare in our region – at times it's hard to stay updated! That's why Just the Facts was reinvigorated. This weekly publication, published on Tuesdays, will provide you with the latest information about MVHS and the Wynn Hospital!



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025:

April is Donate Life Month

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation and encourages individuals to register to become organ donors and to honor those who have saved lives through the gift of donation.

National Donate Life Month is the perfect time to time to learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation. The decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor gives hope to the 100,000 people on the national organ transplant waiting list who are waiting for a second chance at life.

Donation and Transplantation FAQs

- **Who can be a donor?** People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential organ, eye and tissue donors. However, a person's medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissues can be donated. Learn more about the lifesaving and healing organs and tissues that can be donated at cdtnyvt.org/faq or DonateLife.net/faqs.
- **Does registering as a donor change my patient care?** Your life always comes first. Doctors work hard to save every patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is donation an option.
- **Is there a cost to be an organ, eye and tissue donor?** There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for donation. The donor family pays only for medical expenses before death and costs associated with funeral arrangements.
- **Does my social and/or financial status play any part in whether I will receive an organ if I ever need one?** No. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the waiting list. Race, income, gender, orientation, celebrity and social status are never considered.
- **Why should I register my decision to be a donor?** The vast majority of Americans support donation as an opportunity to give life and health to others. Unfortunately, many people overlook the important step of registering their decision to be a donor.

- Donors often die suddenly and unexpectedly. Donation can provide solace to a family and relieve the burden of making the donation decision in a time of grief and shock.
- You can save up to eight lives through organ donation, restore sight to two people through cornea donation and heal more than 75 people through tissue donation.*
- Your registration serves as a symbol of hope to patients waiting and sharing it with your family lets them know your decision.

**Living donation and Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) are not included in your deceased donor registration.*

- **I want to learn more about living donation. Where should I look?** Living organ donation offers another choice for some transplant candidates, reducing their time on the waiting list and leading to better long-term outcomes for the recipient. Living tissue donation – birth tissue – is used to promote healing and to treat burns and painful wounds. Learn more at DonateLife.net/livingdonation.

To learn more about organ donation, or to register your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, visit cdtnyvt.org.