

Organ Procurement Organizations, Eye Bank and Tissue Bank Information Overview

General Description

This dataset contains the names, contact information, and county location for the federally authorized Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs), as well as the New York State regulated Eye Banks and Tissue Banks. These organizations work closely with the Department of Health (DOH) to educate the public regarding the need for organ and tissue donation and to facilitate the enrollment of individuals in the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry. The contact information and service areas provided in this dataset are subject to change without DOH's knowledge since the data is provided by independent OPOs, Eye Banks and Tissue Banks.

Data Collection Methodology

Information in this dataset was provided to DOH by independent OPOs, Eye Banks and Tissue Banks.

Limitations of Data

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Additional Information Related to this Dataset

The New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry is a secure computerized database of individuals who have recorded their consent to become an organ and/or tissue donor upon their death. Currently, there are more than 10,000 individuals awaiting organ transplants in New York State.

To visit the registry, please visit:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/donation/organ/>

Unfortunately, the number of people waiting for an organ donation far exceeds the number of eligible organ donors. Only about 60% of individuals who are eligible to donate actually become donors because their wishes regarding donation are not known. The number one reason families refuse permission for donation is that they do not know their loved one's wishes. The registry allows individuals to record their donation wishes and ensures their personal wishes are acted upon.