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Grateful for Every Breath



Traci Cromwell, a double-lung recipient, shares her transplant experience with a room full of donor families at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson Nov. 4, 2018.

How do you thank someone you will never meet?" Traci Cromwell's voice quivered ever so slightly as she said those first few words.

It's part of the story she shared with a group of about 100 people. It wasn't just any crowd, though, and Cromwell didn't randomly stand at the podium. The double-lung recipient shared her experience to provide even a small sense of comfort. She addressed grieving families who were mourning the loss of a loved one who saved others through organ, cornea and tissue donation.

"How do you express gratitude to a family who, in one of their saddest moments, gave a magnificent gift to someone they don't even know?" Cromwell asks, referring to her donor.

These families gathered at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson (BUMCT) for the organ transplant center's most recent donor family ceremony—a chance for donor families to share stories about their family members who live on in others through their gifts of life.

"There is a strong donation culture throughout BUMCT," says Chelsea Benedik, the Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) donor program coordinator who works with BUMCT. "The staff often recognizes the generosity of donors and their families and embraces the relationship with the DNA team."

The ceremony on Nov. 4, 2018, also provided Cromwell a chance to give the families some insight into the other side of organ donation only eight months after her own transplant, which was the result of a medical journey that started with a diagnosis in 2012: interstitial lung disease.

Her doctors explained it meant chronic and progressive pulmonary scarring, but she thought she would get a prescription for medication and that everything would be fine.

"It's not fine! A few months later, I was carrying my groceries into my house and I couldn't breathe," she says. "By 2015, I was on 24-hour-a-day oxygen. I needed help with just about all of my daily activities. It really is no way to live."

To say the struggle was exhausting for her is an understatement, but she knows it affected her entire family. Her daughters did the grocery shopping for her and her husband stepped in to complete the rest of the chores around the house.

"Even walking and talking at the same time became a huge challenge," Cromwell explained.

In February 2018, she received her hero's unselfish gift of two gently used lungs—her transplantiversary becoming her symbolic birthday.

Before continuing her story for the crowd, Cromwell took a deep breath—a breath made possible by BUMCT and a breath that allows her to play with her grandchildren, which she considers one of her greatest blessings.

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Greetings

From President and CEO, Tim Brown
Donor Network of Arizona

We've hit the ground running in 2019, approaching the end of a decade. But we at Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) aren't waiting until 2020 to start a new era. That includes staying in tune with the effect organ and tissue donation has on everyone involved—personally and professionally.

Countless doctors, nurses and other health care professionals heal the people within the 114,000 square miles of Arizona. Coincidentally, that's how many people are on the national organ waiting list. But Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) made 2018 a Year of Listening, and we're renewing that commitment for 2019 to offer hope to those same people waiting in uncertainty.

For example, we invited Dr. Bridget Eutenier, deputy chief medical examiner for Maricopa County, to share her perspective. Our team was astonished by the amount and variety of work and how extensive it goes beyond autopsy and reporting. We believe listening will improve the relationship we have with people in such vital professions that support donation. The same applies



DNA President and CEO Tim Brown talks with Stephanie Russell, a donor mother, whose son served in the military before becoming a tissue and cornea donor.

to everyone in health care, and we invite you to reach out to DNA to share comments or suggestions on how we can work together to save more lives.

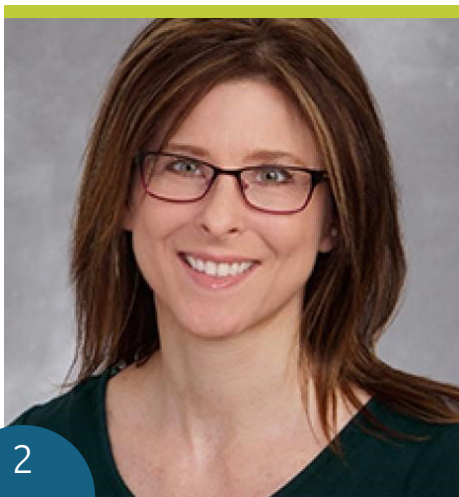
In Arizona alone, 283 organ donors saved 779 people last year. That's the third year in a row both numbers have increased in the state. We're humbled by our collective accomplishments, and they give us hope more Arizonans will make 2019 another record-breaking year, so more recipients can live, laugh, love and listen, too.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Tim Brown.

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Michele Munkwitz, MD

Phoenix Children's Hospital



The death of a loved one is difficult. There's no way around it. But the families of donors often say knowing their loved one gave the gift of life also healed them in return.

Dr. Michele Munkwitz, pediatric critical care specialist with Phoenix Children's Hospital, is a donor sister. She learned firsthand how special donation can be.

When she was 18, Munkwitz's brother passed away in a car crash. But that wasn't the end of his story. He gave the gift of sight, and Munkwitz feels grateful her brother's death was not in vain.

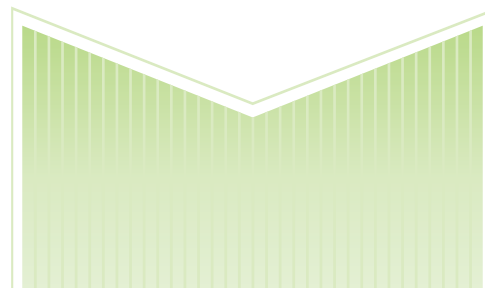
"We knew that a part of him lived on in another person. He lived his short life always giving to other people," says Munkwitz. "Donating a part of him not only gave meaning to his death but continued the meaning of his life."

In her job, Munkwitz experiences the emotions the families feel with the death of a child, but she constantly works to offer comfort in their time of loss.

"There are times in my work when I have done all that I can medically for a child, but it's not enough to overcome an illness or injury," she says. "During these times, it's important to provide the most meaningful death experience I can for my patient and their family."

Munkwitz has a unique perspective on donation as a physician and a donor family member. In her line of work, she makes it her goal to help as families have the option of donation and to achieve their wishes through a seamless team effort with Donor Network of Arizona and the PICU team.

"Families find comfort in knowing their child lives on through their gift to another," says Munkwitz. "Donation is probably the most significant way for a family to experience meaning in the heartbreaking loss of a child."





Making the Difference for Donation

Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) understands a hospital's vital role in the donation process, and recognized ones that exceeded expectations in their roles in donation at the Donation Champions Awards Breakfast Nov. 13, 2018.

The ceremony, at the Arizona Biltmore, celebrated the individuals and organizations that come together to make donation and transplantation possible in Arizona. DNA recognized more than 100 hospital, health care, media and community partners for their dedicated efforts to help make the most of life through the gift of organ and tissue donation.

Donation Champions

Alton Washington | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Sue Glawe | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Alice Giedraitis | HonorHealth
Amar Atma Khalsa | Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix
Kim Mendoza | Banner - University Medical Center Tucson
Brooke Morris | Banner Thunderbird Medical Center
Desiree Creekmore | Abrazo West Campus
Michelle Martin | Abrazo Central Campus
Maricopa Integrated Health System
Johannes Rillo | Phoenix Children's Hospital
Wanda Tharp | American Medical Response
St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
Shannon Torrez | Banner Desert Medical Center
Michelle Krist | Flagstaff Medical Center
HonorHealth Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center
Craig Scibetta, MD | Park Central Anesthesiologists
Ayan Sen, MD | Mayo Clinic Hospital
Philip Husband, MD | Chandler Regional Medical Center
Jeffrey Perumean, MD | Banner Desert Medical Center
Valley Surgical Clinics - Acute Care Surgical Specialists | Critical Care and Emergency Surgery
Hope Castro | Banner - University Medical Center Tucson
Jeffrey Scott | Banner - University Medical Center Tucson
HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center
Pamela Jones | Tempe St. Luke's Hospital
Courtney Ophaug | Banner Estrella Medical Center

Jeremy Goodman, MD | Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix
Charlotte Ciudad | Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix
Joby Jacob | Tucson Medical Center
Banner - University Medical Center Tucson

Donor Recognition Champions

Phoenix Children's Hospital
Chandler Regional Medical Center
Banner Thunderbird Medical Center

Most Registrations in Health Care for Hope

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix
HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center
HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center
Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center

Outstanding Donation Innovation

Abrazo Arizona Heart
American Liver Foundation - Desert Southwest Division
Maricopa Integrated Health System
Mercy Gilbert Medical Center

Outstanding Media Outreach

Phoenix Children's Hospital
Yuma Regional Medical Center
Tucson Medical Center
Canyon Vista Medical Center

"We're fortunate to have strong supporters, from across the state, in our corner" says DNA's director of Donor Program Development, Leslie Futral. "These partnerships allow us to stay in the fight for the patients who can't fight for themselves, because organ failure has taken over their lives. The awards breakfast is a wonderful opportunity to recognize that."

Donation is a team effort and would not be possible without the collaboration with physicians, nurses, medical examiners and many more to ensure the gift of life makes it to those who need it.

Coming Soon! Heroes for Hope

Are you ready to save more lives? Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) challenges hospitals, health care organizations and emergency professionals to get new donor registrations for Heroes for Hope in April. This is the first time the challenge—previously known as Health Care for Hope—will include emergency professionals, as they play a crucial role

in the donation process. DNA will encourage Heroes for Hope participants to register the community through tabling events, flag-raising ceremonies and social media.

Contact Miranda Reddy at Miranda.Reddy@dnaz.org for more information and join this lifesaving effort!

Hospital	Organ Donors			Planned Donation Rate	Hospital Deaths	Referral Comp. Rate	Ocular Donors	Ocular Conv. Rate	Tissue Donors	Tissue Conv. Rate
	Total	After Circulatory Death	Organ Donation Rate							
Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital	0	0	---	---	39	100.0%	2	33%	4	50%
Abrazo Arrowhead Campus	2	1	50%	67%	102	100.0%	3	38%	9	56%
Abrazo Central Campus	6	1	100%	75%	139	100.0%	7	47%	13	57%
Abrazo Maryvale Campus	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Abrazo Scottsdale Campus	3	0	100%	100%	127	98.4%	3	33%	8	42%
Abrazo West Campus	4	1	80%	100%	181	98.9%	8	30%	17	44%
Allegiant Healthcare of Mesa	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Arizona General Hospital	0	0	---	---	23	95.8%	3	50%	4	50%
Arizona Spine and Joint Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Arizona State Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Aurora Behavioral Health Care Glendale	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Aurora Behavioral Health Care Tempe	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Banner - University Medical Center South Campus	1	0	33%	50%	79	100.0%	1	9%	4	25%
Banner - University Medical Center Tucson Campus	20	6	71%	84%	433	99.8%	10	33%	25	46%
Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix	9	3	64%	86%	478	98.6%	8	26%	26	41%
Banner Baywood Medical Center	0	0	---	---	321	99.7%	8	57%	16	53%
Banner Boswell Medical Center	0	0	0%	100%	227	98.7%	1	10%	9	30%
Banner Casa Grande Regional Medical Center	0	0	0%	0%	68	97.1%	3	43%	8	47%
Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center	2	1	100%	50%	206	100.0%	5	45%	14	42%
Banner Desert Medical Center	12	2	50%	100%	452	99.6%	14	37%	33	42%
Banner Estrella Medical Center	6	2	100%	67%	202	98.5%	7	37%	9	32%
Banner Gateway Medical Center	0	0	---	---	109	99.1%	2	67%	6	75%
Banner Goldfield Medical Center	0	0	---	---	11	100.0%	1	100%	2	50%
Banner Heart Hospital	2	1	67%	100%	69	100.0%	2	25%	11	44%
Banner Ironwood Medical Center	0	0	---	---	36	94.7%	5	63%	11	69%
Banner Payson Medical Center	0	0	---	---	16	94.1%	1	33%	1	25%
Banner Thunderbird Medical Center	5	2	46%	88%	366	99.7%	7	39%	26	54%
Benson Hospital	0	0	---	---	13	100.0%	1	100%	1	100%
Canyon Vista Medical Center	0	0	---	---	65	100.0%	4	50%	6	50%
Carl T Hayden VA Medical Center	0	0	---	---	50	100.0%	1	50%	1	50%
Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital	0	0	---	---	5	100.0%	0	---	0	0%
Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital	5	3	71%	100%	185	100.0%	10	53%	15	63%
Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital	3	2	50%	100%	185	100.0%	6	50%	12	50%
Casa De La Paz	0	0	---	---	103	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%
Chandler Regional Medical Center	5	0	56%	83%	273	99.3%	14	35%	20	34%
ChangePoint Psychiatric Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility	0	0	---	---	55	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%
Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center	0	0	---	---	18	94.7%	0	---	3	100%
Copper Queen Community Hospital	0	0	---	---	16	100.0%	0	0%	1	20%
Cornerstone Hospital of Southeast Arizona	0	0	---	---	12	100.0%	0	---	0	0%
CTCA at Western Regional Medical Center	0	0	---	---	7	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Curahealth Hospital Phoenix Northwest	0	0	---	---	6	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Curahealth Hospital Tucson	0	0	---	---	7	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Dignity Health Arizona Specialty Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Dignity Health East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of East Valley	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Tucson	0	0	---	---	2	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Scottsdale	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Encompass Health Valley of the Sun Rehabilitation Hospital	0	0	---	---	1	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Flagstaff Medical Center	4	1	40%	63%	173	100.0%	3	20%	5	25%
Hacienda Children's Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Havasupai Regional Medical Center	0	0	---	---	67	100.0%	1	50%	5	50%
HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center	3	0	75%	100%	169	99.4%	7	50%	12	43%
HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center	8	3	67%	83%	172	99.4%	9	45%	14	48%
HonorHealth Rehabilitation Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
HonorHealth Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center	9	6	82%	83%	227	97.8%	8	53%	21	57%
HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Medical Center	3	1	100%	100%	183	98.9%	9	64%	14	56%
HonorHealth Scottsdale Thompson Peak Medical Center	0	0	0%	100%	52	96.3%	1	33%	2	25%
Hopi Health Care Center	0	0	---	---	2	66.7%	0	---	0	---
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital	0	0	---	---	2	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Kingman Regional Medical Center	1	0	100%	100%	113	100.0%	4	33%	10	53%
La Paz Regional Hospital	0	0	---	---	10	90.9%	0	0%	0	0%

Hospital	Organ Donors		Organ Donation Rate	Planned Donation Rate	Hospital Deaths	Referral Comp. Rate	Ocular Donors	Ocular Conv. Rate	Tissue Donors	Tissue Conv. Rate
	Total	After Circulatory Death								
Little Colorado Medical Center	0	0	---	---	17	100.0%	0	0%	1	50%
Maricopa Medical Center	6	1	67%	71%	134	99.3%	6	43%	9	38%
Mayo Clinic Hospital	1	0	50%	100%	82	98.8%	4	57%	6	46%
Mercy Gilbert Medical Center	0	0	0%	100%	128	97.7%	9	53%	17	57%
Mount Graham Regional Medical Center	0	0	---	---	34	100.0%	0	0%	1	33%
Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Mountain Vista Medical Center	1	0	50%	100%	93	98.9%	4	67%	12	57%
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System	0	0	---	---	46	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Northern Cochise Community Hospital	0	0	---	---	6	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Northwest Medical Center	3	1	60%	100%	197	100.0%	7	58%	9	41%
Oasis Behavioral Chandler	0	0	---	---	1	100.0%	0	0%	1	100%
Oasis Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Oro Valley Hospital	0	0	---	---	41	100.0%	2	40%	3	50%
Page Hospital	0	0	---	---	5	100.0%	1	100%	1	100%
Phoenix Children's Hospital	7	1	54%	67%	63	100.0%	1	17%	2	13%
Promise Hospital of Phoenix	0	0	---	---	21	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%
Quail Run Behavioral	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Sage Memorial Hospital	0	0	---	---	5	100.0%	0	0%	1	50%
Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital	0	0	---	---	20	100.0%	3	75%	5	63%
Scottsdale Liberty Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Select Specialty Hospital Phoenix	0	0	---	---	12	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Select Specialty Hospital Phoenix Downtown	0	0	---	---	4	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sells Hospital	0	0	---	---	1	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System	0	0	---	---	105	99.1%	1	100%	1	33%
St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center	9	1	33%	82%	312	99.7%	9	23%	17	29%
St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center	0	0	---	---	5	100.0%	0	---	0	0%
St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
St. Luke's Medical Center	0	0	---	---	38	100.0%	3	75%	4	50%
Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center	0	0	---	---	49	100.0%	0	0%	1	17%
Sun City Cardiac Center	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Tempe St. Luke's Hospital	2	0	50%	0%	38	100.0%	2	33%	7	58%
The CORE Institute Specialty Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Tsehootsooi Medical Center	0	0	---	---	31	100.0%	0	---	0	0%
Tuba City Regional Health Care	0	0	---	---	17	100.0%	0	---	0	---
Tucson Medical Center	4	1	80%	80%	238	99.6%	4	33%	10	50%
USPHS Parker Indian Hospital	0	0	---	---	4	100.0%	0	---	0	---
USPHS Phoenix Indian Medical Center	0	0	---	---	2	100.0%	0	---	0	---
USPHS San Carlos Indian Hospital	0	0	---	---	13	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%
USPHS Whiteriver Indian Hospital	0	0	---	---	13	100.0%	0	0%	0	0%
Valley Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Valley View Medical Center	0	0	---	---	22	100.0%	1	50%	2	50%
Verde Valley Medical Center	0	0	---	---	51	98.1%	3	75%	5	63%
Western Arizona Regional Medical Center	0	0	0%	100%	89	97.8%	3	33%	5	42%
White Mountain Regional Medical Center	0	0	---	---	8	100.0%	0	---	1	50%
Wickenburg Community Hospital	0	0	---	---	3	100.0%	0	---	0	0%
Windhaven Psychiatric Hospital	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	---
Yavapai Regional Medical Center East Campus	0	0	---	---	29	100.0%	0	0%	3	60%
Yavapai Regional Medical Center West Campus	1	0	100%	0%	100	99.0%	0	0%	2	29%
Yuma Regional Medical Center	1	1	20%	100%	237	100.0%	3	12%	7	23%
Yuma Rehabilitation Hospital	0	0	---	---	1	100.0%	0	---	0	---

Organ Donors After Circulatory Death

Organ donors from whom an organ was recovered after being declared dead by cardio-respiratory criteria

Organ Donation Rate

The number of organ donors who were recovered for transplant expressed as a percentage of patients who are medically suitable regardless of brain death declaration

Planned Donation Rate

The percentage of organ donation conversations that follow hospital policy and the plan for each case as agreed upon by Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) and the healthcare team

Hospital Deaths

The number of patient deaths that occurred at a hospital

Referral Compliance (Comp.) Rate

The percentage of deaths that were referred to DNA

Ocular Conversion (Conv.) Rate

The number of ocular donors who were recovered expressed as a percentage of patients who are medically suitable for ocular donation

Tissue Conversion (Conv.) Rate

The number of tissue donors who were recovered expressed as a percentage of patients who are medically suitable for tissue donation

Outstanding Gift of Life Partners



DNA President and CEO Tim Brown stands with a supportive donation partner, Alton J. Washington, director and board chairman with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona.

Alton J. Washington, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (BCBSAZ) director and board chairman, champions organ and tissue donation ever since his family experienced life-ending health risks.

Alton's brother, Les Washington, too ill for surgery, passed away in June 2017. Medical professionals constantly weigh the risks against the benefits of any medical decision, and underlying health issues kept Les from qualifying for a kidney transplant because of the risk associated with surgery.

Orema Watkins, Alton's sister-in-law, also dealt with kidney issues. She endured dialysis for five years before receiving her kidney in October of 2011, but not before jumping other hurdles. While she waited for her transplant, her blood sugar dropped. So, she was suspended from the wait list temporarily.

Watkins' blood sugar eventually stabilized, and three weeks later, she received the call that changed her life forever.

"I was at the low end of my life, but thanks to my donor family, I got the perfect match," Watkins says, adding that her

journey has been a struggle and a major blessing at the same time. "All I can do is thank them for allowing me to live again, see my grandkids grow and continue to love my husband of 51 years."

Alton, and BCBSAZ, became true supporters of donation because of these experiences, prioritizing donation as a board initiative. In the last couple of years, BCBSAZ has sponsored Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) events and has connected DNA with other community partners to continue outreach and public education.

"I cannot think of a more thoughtful gift that virtually anyone can be part of regardless of their standing in life," Alton says.

State of Donation in Arizona

Organ Donation

	2018 (Jan. - June)		2018 (July - Dec.)	
	Trauma Centers	All Other Hospitals	Trauma Centers	All Other Hospitals
Organ Donors	106	29	101	47
Organ Donors After Circulatory Death	32	7	27	15
Organ Donation Rate	60.2%	53.7%	57.1%	62.7%

Ocular & Tissue Donation

	2018 (Jan. - June)		2018 (July - Dec.)	
	Trauma Centers	All Other Hospitals	Trauma Centers	All Other Hospitals
Ocular Donors	155	137	104	141
Ocular Conversion Rate	44.3%	34.7%	33.8%	39.8%
Tissue Donors	270	280	227	304
Tissue Conversion Rate	49.0%	41.1%	41.1%	45.4%

Donation Overview

	2018 (Jan. - June)		2018 (July - Dec.)	
	Trauma Centers	All Other Hospitals	Trauma Centers	All Other Hospitals
Hospital Deaths	3,679	5,578	3,457	4,783
Referral Compliance Rate	99.2%	99.6%	99.3%	99.3%

New Paths for Life

For Donor Network of Arizona (DNA), 2018 was full of innovations. The advancements in tissue recovery and processing have raised the bar to continue expanding new practices to make the most of life.

Cornea Splitting



DNA serves Arizona as the state's only eye recovery agency. Ocular staff help doctors restore sight for typically up to two recipients per donor – until now.

Advances in ocular technology and procedures over the last two decades now allow some cornea donors to restore vision for four people. DNA started to offer additional transport options

for Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) in summer 2018, which are required to allow the DNA ocular team to split corneas.

To split the corneas, they must travel in a viral or alternative transport device, which a surgeon would request. Splitting can only happen on a select few corneas, but DNA strives to maximize all healing gifts.

Ossium

In December 2018, DNA expanded its reach with a new partnership with Ossium, a company building the world's first bone marrow bank.

DNA will recover a section of the spine, with donor family authorization, and provide it to Ossium, for recovery of bone marrow to treat blood cancer patients.

More than 170,000 people are diagnosed with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma every year in the U.S. More than 20,000 of these patients can be treated through a bone marrow transplant. Finding a match can take months, and one living donor can only give to one patient.

These waiting patients have renewed hope of survival through deceased donation of the spine containing lifesaving bone marrow for up to five recipients per donor.

For more information about Ossium, visit www.ossiumhealth.com.

Birth Tissue Donation



Ja'Leisa White-Newhouse, DNA's first birth tissue donor, with her now 3-month-old daughter, Da'Kota Washington.

Following the miracle of life, mothers can now give the gift of healing with something typically thrown out. DNA now recovers birth tissue with a program that launched in June 2018.

After a child is born through a scheduled C-section, trained medical staff acquire birth tissue, such as the placenta. Doctors can use donated tissue to stimulate a recipient's healing mechanism for pain, inflammation or scar tissue.

There were 14 donors through DNA's program in 2018, and it relies on the generosity of mothers. This option is the result of DNA's partnership with Banner Thunderbird Medical Center and support from other Arizona hospitals.

Expectant mothers can submit a self-referral through BirthTissue.DNAZ.org. Physicians and expectant mothers may also call DNA Tissue Services at 602-294-2896 for referrals.





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