

To: All Staff and Physicians

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Re: **Recoveries and Reporting Deaths to NBOTP Resume**

**Cornea and tissue recoveries resuming in all areas
Process to report deaths to the NB Organ and Tissue Program**

As of Monday July 13, tissue recoveries (corneas and other tissues) will have been re-introduced across the province. However, until our toll-free line (1-888-553-6667) resumes operation, hospital staff members will be asked to continue to follow the protocol outlined below to report in-hospital deaths.

Please share the following **important information** with those without emails:

<u>To report deaths</u> in all zones (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call the applicable switchboard/locating service (as per instruction below)• to have the Eye/Tissue Bank Technician on call paged and to report in-hospital deaths.• Report only the deaths of patients of 75 years of age or less.

Moncton (Z1), Fredericton (Z3), Edmundston (Z4), Campbellton (Z5), Bathurst (Z6), and Miramichi (Z7): 506-857-5111

Saint John (Z2) and Upper River Valley (Z3): 506-648-6000

If you have any questions regarding cornea/tissue recoveries/donation or the above-mentioned protocol, please call our:

- **Ocular Division** at Horizon's St. Joseph's Hospital at: 506-632-5541
- **Tissue Division** at Horizon's The Moncton Hospital at: 506-870-2556

For organ donation or human body donation (to medical science), continue to contact the Organ Donation Resource Nurse on call.

We will continue to provide updated information should services change, or when they return to normal with regards to the service of our toll-free line.

Thank you for your collaboration and understanding.