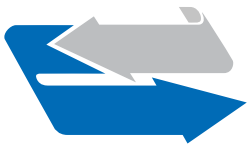


# LifeLink Fact Sheet

LifeLink is an independent, non-profit community service organization dedicated to the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissues. LifeLink operates under the authority of the Social Security Act and in accordance with the National Organ Transplant Act passed by Congress in 1984. LifeLink undergoes federal recertification every two years and is audited by Medicare annually through the filing of detailed cost reports.

Strong oversight is provided by an active Board of Governors, which includes lay/public representation. LifeLink was established in 1982.

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## DIVISIONS:

- Three Organ Procurement Organizations:
  - ♦ *LifeLink of Florida (Tampa), serving 15 counties, > 4.7 million population*
  - ♦ *LifeLink of Georgia (Atlanta), serving 192 hospitals in Georgia and 2 hospitals in South Carolina, 8 million population*
  - ♦ *LifeLink of Puerto Rico (Guaynabo), serving Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, combined population base of 4 million*
- LifeLink Transplantation Immunology Laboratory
- LifeLink Tissue Bank

## ORGANS & TISSUES RECOVERED:

Kidneys, liver, heart, pancreas, lungs, intestines, bone, skin, heart valves, corneas.

## WAITING LIST:

More than 4,000 Floridians are actively waiting for a kidney, pancreas, heart and/or liver transplants. More than 108,000 Americans wait for organ transplants. Thousands wait for tissue transplants.

## NUMBER BENEFITING:

One donor can potentially benefit 60 or more people.



Lori Lyons, Kidney Recipient

### LIFELINK ORGAN & TISSUE RECOVERY RESULTS :

Over 19,000 organ transplants and over 600,000 tissue transplants have occurred as a result of LifeLink efforts.

#### OPO BACKGROUND:

There are 58 federally designated organ procurement providers in the United States. LifeLink has been granted three of the 58 provider designations and collaborates with hospitals, medical professionals, other agencies (such as medical examiners and law enforcement) and the public to increase awareness of the growing need for organ and tissue donation.

#### TISSUE BANK BACKGROUND:

The LifeLink Tissue Bank provides an array of services supporting tissue transplantation throughout the United States. Since 1985, LifeLink has provided over 500,000 allografts for neurosurgical, orthopaedic, cardiovascular, and reconstructive surgery. LifeLink maintains exceptional standards to ensure the safety and clinical effectiveness of allograft tissue for patient protection.

#### IMMUNOLOGY LABORATORY BACKGROUND:

LifeLink Transplantation Immunology Laboratory is known internationally as a reference laboratory and leader in immunology science, providing testing services that match organs with waiting patients. For two decades this highly specialized laboratory has developed procedural and technical breakthroughs.

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