

The Laboratory Cards

SET ONE: ORGAN SPRINT CARDS

(For organs such as heart, lungs, liver, kidneys – fast, urgent pathway)

Identification

Doctors confirm that they cannot save the patient. Donation becomes possible, and the donation specialist team is contacted.

Eligibility Check

Medical specialists complete rapid checks to confirm whether the organs are safe to donate.

Family Conversation

The donation specialist speaks with the family to understand the person's wishes and gain final consent.

Organ Matching

Databases search for the best matches based on urgency, blood type, size, distance, and compatibility.

Organ Retrieval Team Activated

Specialist surgeons travel to the hospital to carefully retrieve the organs.

Preservation

Organs are immediately cooled or placed into advanced machines (like the Organ Care System) to keep them functioning.

Fast Transport

Organs travel quickly via jets, ambulances, or couriers to the transplant centre – the clock is ticking.

Recipient Preparation

The transplant team prepares the recipient for surgery and confirms the final safety checks.

Transplant

The organ is transplanted into the recipient, beginning the Gift of Time.



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SET TWO: TISSUE MARATHON CARDS

(For tissues such as corneas, skin, bone, tendons, heart valves — slow, careful pathway)

Identification

Donation becomes possible, and the tissue donation team is notified

Eligibility Review

Specialists review medical history and complete careful screening to ensure tissues will be safe to use.

Family Conversation

The donation team respectfully speaks with the family, understanding the person's wishes and gaining consent.

Tissue Retrieval

Tissues are retrieved carefully and respectfully by specialist technicians.

Processing & Testing

Tissues undergo detailed laboratory testing for safety, quality, and compatibility.

Preservation

Tissues are cleaned, treated, and stored — sometimes frozen, sometimes dried, depending on the tissue type.

Banking

Tissues are stored in a regulated tissue bank and can be kept for months or even years.

Matching & Allocation

When a patient needs a specific tissue (e.g., a cornea or bone graft), doctors request the right match from the tissue bank.

Transplant

Tissue is transplanted, restoring sight, movement, protection, or function.



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