



## Centre for Prehospital Care

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**From:** Dr. Jason Prpic, Regional Medical Director, Centre for Prehospital Care & Trauma Service

**Re:** Trillium Gift of Life Network Information

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memo

Mr. Marco Raggi from the Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) provided an informative presentation in February at our annual Base Hospital conference in London Ontario. The TGLN mandate is to encourage people to become organ donors and ultimately match up the donors to those who are in desperate need. A variety of organs and tissues can successfully be harvested up to twenty four (24) hours after death.

Their organization is currently working with four (4) EMS providers in Ontario, Ottawa, Middlesex-London, Prescott Russell and Renfrew. Paramedics upon initiating a termination of resuscitation or being in contact with other deceased persons would complete a short four (4) question checklist. If the prospective donor qualifies, the paramedics would speak to family members at the scene to enquire if they might be interested in speaking to the TGLN about such a donation. So essentially the role of the crew would be to connect the TGLN with the prospective donor's family, Trillium would complete the rest of the process.

The responding crew would not be required to subsequently transport the deceased. The Trillium Network would handle the transportation needs.

As noted, the four (4) EMS services are currently reaching out to family members at the scene. Paramedics have been receptive to the endeavour and have taken on the unique task of hopefully matching those who can give, to those in need.

Currently, over 1,500 Ontario citizens are waiting for organ transplant and countless others could benefit from tissue donation. <https://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/>

Please do not hesitate in contacting the Trillium Gift of Life Network or myself should you wish to consider this endeavour or have any questions.

Thank you,

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