LIVE HUNDRED YEARS...
GET AS MANY EYES!

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"There is no lovelier way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to those in the dark."

- Helen Keller
WE ALL HAVE ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE OUR OWN EYES.

BUT WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH AN EYE DONATION POSSIBILITY TO AN EYE BANK.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Become
A
SIGHT
AMBASSADOR
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES…

THEY ARE GOD’S GIFT TO BE PASSED ON.
1. Learn about Eye Donation.

2. Pledge to Donate Your Eyes.

3. Encourage people around you to Pledge.
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

4. Let Eye Donation become a tradition in your family.

5. Donate Eyes of your dearest after death.

Do not burn!
Do not bury!!
Donate Eyes!!!
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

6. Volunteer to counsel the Members of the bereaved families. Motivate them to donate the Eyes of their dear departed and GIFT SIGHT.
CORNEAL BLINDNESS

- 1.5 Million Indians suffer from Corneal Blindness

- Corneal Blindness affects mainly children and young adults who have a long life ahead of them.
Cornea is the clear, transparent, tissue covering the front of the eye. It serves as a window to allow light to enter the eye. Vision will be dramatically reduced or lost if the cornea becomes cloudy due to disease, injury or infection.
Main causes of Corneal Blindness:

- Injuries
- Malnutrition
- Infections
- Chemical burns
- Congenital disorders
- Post operative complications
NOT EVERYTHING IS LOST

- Fortunately lost sight due to corneal defects can be restored through corneal transplantation.
CORNEAL TRANSPLANTATION

- This is a procedure in which the cornea of donor eye is grafted to replace the diseased cornea of the patient.

- A significant proportion of blind patients can have their sight restored through corneal transplantation.
IS THERE ENOUGH?..

• On an average around 1 lakh corneas are needed in India every year.

ONLY 15,000 usable corneas were collected last year.
WE BURN OR BURY
75 LAKH PAIRS
OF EYES......
1.5 Million EYES...
WE BURN OR BURY.....

LEAVING THE **1.5 MILLION** CORNEAL BLIND PERSONS TO LIVE IN **DARKNESS**
Because of this huge shortfall of donor eyes in India there is a long list of waiting patients.
WHO CAN DONATE EYES...

• People who wear spectacles
• People suffering from:
  - Diabetes
  - Asthma
  - High blood pressure
  - Tuberculosis
• Patients who have undergone cataract surgery can also donate eyes.
WHO CAN DONATE EYES...

- Age does not matter.

- Gender does not matter.

- Families can donate the eyes of their dear departed even if it has NOT been pledged before.
WHO CAN DONATE EYES...

- All religions endorse the practice of eye donation.
WHO CAN’T DONATE EYES..

People suffering from:
• Hepatitis
• AIDS
• Encephalitis
• Rabies
• Septicemia (bacteremia, fungemia, viremia)
• Retinoblastoma
• Laser photo ablation surgery
• Leukemia
• Lymphoma
• Creutzfeldt-Jacob syndrome

Consult with your physician if you are fit to be a donor.
EYE DONATION PROCEDURE

• Eyes can be donated **ONLY** after death. Contact nearest Eye Bank as soon as possible.

• Eyes must be removed **within 4-6 hr** after death.

• A small quantity of blood is drawn to **rule out** communicable diseases.
EYE DONATION PROCEDURE

• Eye bank team will remove the eyes either at the hospital or at the home of the deceased.

• Eye removal DOES NOT delay funeral as the entire procedure takes only 20-30 min.

• The identities of the donor and the recipient are kept confidential by law.
AFTER DONATION…

• The donor’s family receive a certificate of appreciation from the Eye Bank.

• Eyes are evaluated at the Eye Bank and only the ones deemed suitable are used for transplant. Others are used for research and education.

• Corneal transplantation should be done within 2 – 3 days post-removal.

• Recipients are notified on a first come first serve basis from the registry. TWO people gain sight from ONE PAIR of donated eyes.
REMEMBER....

Age, sex, race or religion is no bar. Keep informed close relatives about your desire to donate.

Wearing glasses, cataract, certain eye problems of blood group does not affect eye donation.

On death, inform eye bank immediately. Donation must be within 6 hours of death.

Close eyes and place wet cotton over lids (to keep cornea moist & healthy). Switch off fans.

Removal takes only about 20 minutes. No special room necessary. No disfiguration is caused.

Donated eyes are never sold/used otherwise. Two persons gain sight.
Why destroy a gift?

Donate

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