



## RELEASE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

### Guidelines for donor families & transplant recipients who have interest for direct communication or meeting each other

Possible words to use when initiating the request for direct communication

- Our family would like to meet you one day, when you are ready.
- I would like to talk with you over the phone someday to get to know you better.
- It would be wonderful if we could email each other.
- I have been thinking about releasing my full name and other information to you and your family. Would you be interested in doing the same?
- We have written letters anonymously to each other, and I feel comfortable at this point to have direct communication with you.

It is important that the request for direct communication is in writing to ensure accuracy and promptness of follow-up.

1. Donor families and transplant recipients must submit in writing their mutual agreement to exchange names and/or identifying information to Indiana Donor Network prior to release of information.
2. Upon receipt of the mutual agreements, Indiana Donor Network will mail the following information:
  - Cover letter to the donor family agreeing to this request.
  - Cover letter to the recipient agreeing to this request.  
(If the recipient is a minor, the parent/guardian must agree to the identity disclosure.)
  - The following Disclosure Request and General Release Letters to appropriate parties involved:
    - Donor Family Disclosure Request and General Release,
    - Transplant Recipient Disclosure Request and General Release or
    - Transplant Recipient's Legal Guardian Disclosure Request and General Release.
3. Upon receipt of both signed and notarized Disclosure Request and General Release Letters from the donor family and recipient, Indiana Donor Network will call both parties to let them know the identity disclosure information is being mailed.
4. At this time Indiana Donor Network will also offer to help set up a first time phone call or meeting.
5. The donor family and transplant recipient will have each other's identifying information at this time and have the privilege of communicating directly or meeting each other.

**For More Information:**

If you have any questions or concerns about the information outlined in this guide, please contact us.

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