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The Newspaper In Education Program is working with NJ Sharing Network to present this special series. More than 1.5 million Americans have their health restored each year through tissue donation. This series will examine tissue donation and transplantation from different angles.

## Saving lives through organ & tissue donation

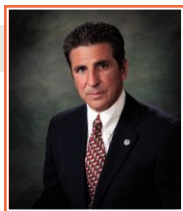
### What roles do hospitals play in tissue donation and transplantation?

All acute care hospitals are required to develop procedures ensuring the referral of all deaths and impending deaths to their regional organ procurement organization (OPO) to determine suitability for organ/tissue donation. NJ Sharing Network partners with the 54 hospitals in Central and North Jersey and the state's six transplant centers.

## VIP Corner

### John Tozzi, MD

Dr. Tozzi, chief of orthopedic surgery at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, applies his skills to patients needing life-enhancing medical procedures. His goal is to provide his patients continued mobility and better quality of life. "Whenever I use donor tissue to help one of my patients I take it very seriously because I know there is a human life associated with the donation to improve the quality of someone's life. My daughter was killed in a car accident 10 years ago. My wife and I made the decision to donate her organs and tissue to help others. Someone who receives donated tissue appreciates their restoration of health because they know without it they might not be able to have the healing capabilities it brings."



John Tozzi, MD

## Today's Exercise:

Using today's Sports section, select articles mentioning injuries and discuss the possible tissue transplants that might be beneficial to the athlete. Remember that bones and tendons are widely used for reparative surgeries.

## What Can I Do?

Discuss tissue donation and transplantation with your family and friends. Share this NIE series with them.



For more information and age-appropriate educational materials, or to register as an organ and tissue donor, visit:

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