



# DONORNETWORKWEST BIRTH TISSUE



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# *What is* **BIRTH TISSUE?**

Birth Tissue includes the placenta and umbilical cord. After delivery, these tissues are usually discarded but can be donated for transplantation, research, and education. Participation is entirely voluntary.

*Placenta donation*  
**can create up to 100 grafts for patients in need.**

## *Who can donate?*

Expecting moms delivering by both the c-section or vaginally are eligible for Birth Tissue donation.

## **Is there any cost associated with Birth Tissue donation?**

There is no additional cost to the patient or hospital. Any expenses related to Birth Tissue donation are paid for by Donor Network West.

## **Is my information confidential?**

We protect your information by following the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

## *How is* **donated Birth Tissue used?**

### **Clinical applications:**

- Wound Care: Burns and difficult-to-heal wounds, including diabetic ulcers. It encourages healing, decreases the risk of infection, and relieves pain.
- Sports Medicine: Supports tissue repair and recovery.
- Ophthalmology: Helps treat eye injuries and diseases.
- Spine and Dental Procedures: Facilitates wound healing and recovery.

## *How it* **works?**

### **Our process is simple:**

- Our Birth Tissue Coordinator will walk you through each step of the donation process, answer all your questions, and complete the required paperwork.
- The Birth Tissue acquisition will occur after your baby is delivered and assessed.
- Once collected, the Birth Tissue Coordinator will handle the packaging and shipment of your donated Birth Tissue.
- The Birth Tissue will be used to make life-changing grafts to heal and improve the lives of others.

*Consent to Birth Tissue donation will not impact your medical treatment, and your physician will not be asked to adjust their procedure for the purpose of donation. The health of the mom and the baby is our highest priority.*