

Can someone who is LGBTQ+ be an eye and tissue donor?

Yes, but there is a male-to-male sex deferral policy which could prevent a man who has been sexually active with a man in the past 12 months from donating his tissues or corneas. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates tissue and cornea donation, and ConnectLife is mandated to follow FDA policy for cornea and tissue donation.

Can someone who is LGBTQ+ be an organ donor?

Yes, a person's sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression does NOT prevent that person from becoming an organ donor (deceased or living). We encourage every person to register their decision to be an organ donor at ConnectLife.org/Register.

Can someone who is LGBTQ+ receive an organ transplant?

Yes, a person's sexual orientation and gender identity or expression have no determination over whether they receive an organ transplant. Our team at ConnectLife matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list. Sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, race, income, celebrity and social status are never considered.