

Cornea

Amnion

The DGFG distributes donated human tissue to transplanting institutions so patients can have a second chance at sight. Registration of patients with the DGFG is free of charge and without any obligation. Registration can be done by phone, fax or online.

Patient Registration

- Indicate patient demographics, including age, primary and secondary diagnosis, HLA and antibody findings for matched corneas and preferred date of surgery
- Specify cornea type:
 - optical acuity
 - optical acuity/ HLA matched
 - tectonic
 - posterior lamellar keratoplasty
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- Indicate patient demographics, including age, primary diagnosis, date of surgery
- Specify the number of grafts needed (standard size of an amnion graft approx. 4 cm²)

Allocation

- Current waiting time for optically elective operations approx. 3 weeks, in cases of emergency 1 to 3 days
- Advantage: plan transplants for a specific surgery date
- DGFG provides the transplanting institution with a written description of the cornea for advance review
- Cryopreserved preparation

Delivery of the graft

- Tissue graft delivered on the day of surgery (or the previous day if desired) in thermal insulation boxes (note: cornea tissue must be removed immediately upon arrival)
- Store the cornea at room temperature until the operation
- Tissue ordered by 13.30 hr weekdays is available for delivery on the following day
- Tissue graft must be transplanted within 24 hours after dispatched

Processing fee

The processing fee includes costs associated with tissue recovery, processing, allocation and transportation.

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