



About Versiti Organ and Tissue

We facilitate the recovery and donation of human tissue throughout the state of Wisconsin.

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Care Enough to Share

**Birth tissue donation with your
C-Section Delivery**



You are expecting a baby – Congratulations!

You are about to start an exciting journey as you bring a new life into the world. We know you are busy planning for your new baby. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about helping others in medical need through the Versiti Birth Tissue Donation Program.

What is birth tissue?

Birth tissue includes the placenta, which nourishes your baby while you are pregnant and is normally discarded after birth. With your permission, it can be used to help others.

Your decision to share this gift with others does not affect the birth or medical care of you or your baby.

Will I be paid for this gift?

No. Monetary reimbursement to the Donor of any kind is illegal under the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984. All donations of organs and tissues, including birth tissue donations, are done altruistically to help others in medical need. Similarly, there is no cost to you to donate.

Who can be helped?

After the medical criterion is met, your gift may benefit patients who have a variety of medical needs. Here are just a few examples:

- Difficult to heal wounds
- Sports injuries
- Ophthalmic conditions
- Dental procedures

How can I participate in the Versiti Birth Tissue Donation Program?

It's simple. Just say YES to birth tissue donation. Your child's birth will not be affected in any way.

- If you are planning a caesarean section delivery, tell your physician and hospital that you would like to donate your birth tissue.
- If you are a candidate, we will contact you.
- We will ask for your consent on a tape recorded line. A series of questions will be reviewed regarding your medical and social history. The interview will take 20-25 minutes. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- After your delivery, your birth tissue will be respectfully tested, treated and processed under strict guidelines in accordance with accepted medical and ethical standards.

