

Specifically Tissue

About
450,000
people will
need a **tissue**
transplant
this year to
improve, or
maybe save
their life.

Everyone can join
the registry to be
a tissue donor.



Bone
Tendons
Cartilage
Corneas
Skin
Veins
Heart Valves

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Tissue Transplant Benefits

Bone Treatment of patients with orthopedic cancers, damaged spines, trauma and damaged joints

Tendons and ligaments Joint reconstruction and repair of sports injuries

Skin Replacement for burn patients, breast reconstruction following a mastectomy, and treatment of wounds

Veins and arteries Treatment for those suffering from diabetes or other vascular diseases

Heart valves Repair of damaged or diseased heart valves

Corneas Replacement of damaged or diseased corneas to improve eyesight

Facts to Consider

More than **300,000** bone grafts will be used to treat irreversible bone diseases, and traumatic injuries, often saving damaged limbs from amputation.

An estimated **45,000** corneas will be transplanted to restore sight, yet more than 5,000 people will still be waiting for an available cornea at the end of the year.

About **100,000** skin grafts will be performed annually to treat extensive wounds or trauma.

Versiti (formerly BloodCenter of Wisconsin) partners with faith-based communities in southeast Wisconsin through its CodeR initiative, or Churches for Organ Donation Education and Registration. This program invites people in diverse communities to learn more about and become advocates for organ and tissue donation.

