



Neonatal Organs for Medical Research

The International Institute for the Advancement of Medicine (IIAM), a non-profit organization, is the world-leading provider of non-transplantable, healthy and diseased, human organs and tissues for medical research, education and development. These organs are recovered with minimal ischemia from organ transplant donors who have authorized use of the non-transplantable organs for research.

IIAM's breadth of services include a Neonatal Donor Program that provides neonatal organs and tissues for medical research, education and development from donors with gestational ages of 24 weeks and greater. This program offers a unique and invaluable service to researchers and to families whose babies will pass from natural causes shortly after birth.

Neonatal Organs Available for Research

Nearly every organ has the potential to be recovered for medical research including but not limited to primary organs and tissues from the Respiratory & Circulatory, Digestive and Endocrine systems. Other organs and tissues may be available upon request so please ask us (see contact information below).

Organ procurement for research occurs at the same time, using the same methods and typically the same team who recover the organs for transplantation. Upon acceptance of each referred organ, IIAM provides the recovery team with a detailed Recovery Protocol agreed upon in advance by the researcher. The protocol contains recovery criteria, perfusion methods and transport details. Stored in preservation solution, the organs are shipped directly from the recovery suite and delivered to the researcher's lab in 12-24 hours.

IIAM has full access to the donor's medical chart and can therefore relay all pertinent and anonymous medical information about the donor. In cases of neonatal donation, IIAM will provide medical history information about the donor's mom.

With a network of 55 recovery programs, IIAM receives over 14,000 referrals of organs for medical research each year from a vast range of donors.

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