

Mission Statement

MTF is a non-profit service organization dedicated to providing quality tissue through a commitment to excellence in education, research, recovery and care for recipients, donors and their families.



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UNDERSTANDING
*Skin Donation
Following Weight Loss*

Congratulations on your weight loss!

You have taken a major step towards a healthier life. Now you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others through skin donation. Help others take back their lives and regain normal activities through your generous gift.

What is skin donation?

If you have lost 100 lbs or more, you may have excess skin, and have chosen to have this skin surgically removed so you can have the body shape you desire. This skin is usually discarded, but with your permission, it can be donated to help others.



Who can I help through skin donation?

After medical criteria is met, your gift may benefit:

- *Breast cancer patients who need skin to reconstruct the breast after a mastectomy.*
- *Those who suffer from urinary incontinence, loss of bladder control, or need pelvic floor reconstruction.*
- *Patients in need of abdominal wall repair for hernias or trauma.*
- *People with deep skin defects due to injury or birth defects.*

How can I become a skin donor?

It's simple. Just say YES to donation! Your surgery will not be affected, and skin donation will cost you nothing.

- Tell your surgeon you are interested in donating your skin.
- Ask your surgeon's office to contact MTF at 800-581-2804 at least 2 weeks prior to your surgery.
- We will contact you to discuss details of the donation.
- You will answer a series of questions similar to those used for blood donation in order to check your medical history for eligibility.
- Your donated gift of skin will be respectfully tested, treated and processed under strict guidelines.



Will I be paid for my donation?

The National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 makes it illegal to buy and sell human organs and tissues. Therefore, donation of skin and tissue is done altruistically to help others.

What's in it for me?

Your decision to donate skin is a precious gift that has the amazing power to transform lives. Just as you chose to improve the quality of your life through weight reduction, your gift of tissue can improve the lives of people who now have the opportunity for improved health and mobility. Often a single donation can help multiple recipients.

Who helps make the donation happen?

The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) is a non-profit service organization dedicated to providing quality tissue through a commitment to excellence in education, research, recovery and care for recipients, donors and their families. It was founded by leading academic surgeons who identified an increasing need for high quality tissue to improve outcomes of transplant surgery. Millions of people have been helped by the generous donations from individuals just like you over the years through MTF. To learn more about MTF, visit www.mtf.org.