

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Corneal Transplant

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	UNLIKE A HEART, LIVER OR KIDNEY, THERE'S NO WAITING FOR A CORNEAL TRANSPLANT. WHY? WELL ACCORDING TO THE EYE BANK ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, THERE ARE TEN DONORS OF EYE TISSUE FOR EVERY PERSON WHO DONATES ORGANS.
Keith Baratz, M.D. Track 1 (22:20)	"WHETHER IT'S RIGHT OR LEFT EYE DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WHETHER THE DONOR WAS NEAR-SIGHTED OR FAR-SIGHTED DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE."
	DR. KEITH BARATZ, A MAYO CLINIC

	<p>OPHTHALMOLOGIST, ADDS THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL ADVANTAGES THAT KEEP THE SUPPLY OF CORNEAL TISSUE HIGH. FIRST, THE WINDOW OF TIME FOR HARVESTING A CORNEA IS LARGER THAN WITH OTHER ORGANS. YOU CAN ALSO SAFELY STORE A HARVESTED CORNEA FOR A WEEK OR TWO. BUT THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE MAY BE THAT CORNEAS TYPICALLY HAVE NO BLOOD VESSELS.</p>
<p>Dr. Baratz Track 1 (19:50)</p>	<p>“BECAUSE OF THAT, WE DON’T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TISSUE TYPING AND BLOOD TYPING.”</p>
	<p>SO RECIPIENTS CAN BE IMPLANTED WITH TISSUE FROM ANY DONOR.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
