

Contact Hornhautbank Muenchen. We will be glad to send you an organ donor card and/or provide you with detailed information.

#### **OUR VALUES AND GOALS**

Prof. Thomas Neuhann, MD, (honorary shareholder) founded Hornhautbank Muenchen as a non-profit limited liability company in 1991.

- Comprehensive supply of patients in need with intact and flawless donor corneal tissues
- Informing of the general public about corneal donation
- Respect and protection of every individual's decision – tissue donation is entirely based on the voluntary and humanitarian decision of each fellow human
- Transparency in all our activities we adhere to the stringent requirements in accordance with the charitable status as well as the stringent medical and ethic regulations of the transplantation act

Your inquiries, suggestions and active support will be highly appreciated at any time!



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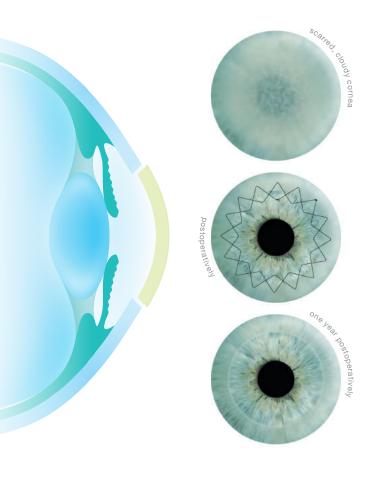
## SAY YES TO LIFE! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.



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#### HAVE YOU ALREADY HEARD ABOUT CORNEAL DONATION?

In addition to transplantation of solid organs, such as liver, kidney, heart and lung, tissue donation also includes corneal transplantation. Thanks to the medical-technical progress it is the most frequent transplantation worldwide. Further, it is mostly unproblematic, complications are hardly ever found. In Germany about 5,000 corneal transplantations per year are being performed. Unfortunately, about as many patients are on waiting lists.



#### HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHERE THIS CORNEA COMES FROM?

It comes from an organ or tissue donor, i.e. someone who has decided that he or she wants to help a fellow human being after his/ her death and improve this person's quality of life while he/she was still alive. In most cases, however, the family of a deceased person are asked immediately upon this person's death whether he/she would have been willing to donate an organ or tissue. Spare your family this difficult decision and make your own decision while you are still alive. On the attached organ donor card you can decide freely which organs or tissues you would like to donate after your death. Make sure to inform your family of this decision.

Light up the world even after your death – say YES to corneal tissue donation – THANK YOU.

#### WHO IS A SUITABLE DONOR?

Almost everyone – age does not play a role in corneal donation. Theoretically every deceased person is a suitable donor. In contrast to solid organs a cornea can be removed and used up to 16 hours after confirmation of death.

# WHAT HAPPENS IN CORNEAL DONATION?

The top priority is to treat the deceased person with respect and to preserve this person's integrity. When the donor cornea, *»about the size of a 2-cent-Euro coin«*, is removed the eye's integrity remain preserved.



This generous gift significantly improves the quality of life of a fellow human being. The removal does not leave any visible changes to the deceased person, so that the family can say goodbye afterwards.

Subsequently, the donor cornea is examined at the cornea bank and prepared for the recipient. The existing transplantation act and the pertaining amendments govern the activities at the charitable tissue banks and penalize any violation.

All major religions approve of organ and tissue donation as an act of charity. In our mutually supportive society one should not only take but rather be also prepared to give to ensure our high-level medical care also in the future.