



## About **BIRTH TISSUE DONOR SERVICES**

Birth Tissue Donor Services has established donation programs across the country to provide the opportunity and support for mothers to donate their birth tissue for transplantation and research.

As trusted leaders in the birth tissue donation field, BTDS is led by staff with the Certified Tissue Bank Specialist (CTBS) designation and BTDS is regulated and licensed by the FDA. BTDS services more than 25 programs nationwide and has an industry-leading 95% donation rate of eligible patients.

The BTDS team is proud to ensure a seamless integration with donation programs, an elevated birth experience for mothers and the guarantee that every expectant mother's choice to donate will be honored.

## WHAT IS *Birth Tissue*

- Placenta *\*One placenta donor can help make 30 healing grafts.*
- Umbilical cord
- Amniotic fluid

## THE NEED FOR *Birth Tissue*

The healing properties of birth tissue help minimize inflammation and the risk of infection. Patients with birth tissue grafts heal exponentially faster than traditional treatments with little to no scarring.

### Additional uses:

- Wound care
- Spinal cord injuries
- Burns
- Ocular

## *Who can* **DONATE**

- Both c-section and vaginal AND scheduled/unscheduled deliveries have the opportunity to donate birth tissue.
- Donation is voluntary, there is no cost to the patient or hospital and there are no additional procedures involved.
- Birth tissue is only acquired after the safe delivery of a healthy baby.

**A mother's choice to donate birth tissue does not impede the safe delivery of her baby.**

## *Making it easy for the* **HOSPITAL**

Birth Tissue Donor Services develops a customized birth tissue donation program for each hospital so there is no interference with hospital staff workflows.

Birth Tissue Donor Services provides superior service to all hospital partners, giving them the confidence that a mother's wish to donate birth tissue is honored with respect, honesty and professionalism.



When asked to donate, I immediately said yes! My brother was in an accident that caused severe wounds and burns. He was admitted to Vanderbilt University Medical Center and was treated with placental skin grafts. Today, he is almost scar-free, has full function of his extremities, and is doing very well.

– Donor Mom, Livingston Regional Hospital



Our Moms have been very excited to have the option to donate their placentas. I think the thought of helping other children and people in need is a very special thing for new parents. I think now the Mom's groups have talked about Placenta Donation, and a lot of patients are asking us about being able to donate before we can ask them! It is a great thing to be able to offer them this chance.

– Clinical Leader, Bristol, Tennessee