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## Southeast Georgia Health System Recipient of Platinum Level LifeLink of Georgia Award

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: October 14, 2022 – The Southeast Georgia Health System Brunswick and Camden campuses have once again received platinum level recognition from LifeLink™ of Georgia for their efforts to increase organ and tissue donation awareness. This is the fifth consecutive year the Health System has been recognized for its efforts. In 2021, 2020 and 2019, the Health System earned platinum level recognition, and in 2018, gold level recognition.



“Organ and tissue donation provides the gift of life to hundreds of thousands of people each year through heart, kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, or intestine transplants,” says Jan Jones, RN, BSN, director, Patient Care Services. “Without the generosity of donors, the patients waiting for those vital organs will die. Our efforts to spread organ and tissue donation awareness is just a small piece of a very large puzzle to help save lives.”

In addition to organ transplants, donations include tissues, such as bone, tendons, skin, heart valves and corneas.

“Not many people think of tissues when they think of being a donor, but burn victims may need skin grafts to heal,” Jones explains. “Athletes suffering from sports injuries may need a tendon to continue playing, and patients with damaged or diseased eyes can see again thanks to corneal transplants. Incredibly, one organ and tissue donor can actually save or enhance the lives of more than 75 people.”

Southeast Georgia Health System encourages all Georgians to join the state’s organ and tissue donor registry through a variety of print and digital mediums and online platforms. Georgians can join the state’s organ and tissue donor registry in a variety of ways:

- Visiting [DonateLifeGeorgia.org](http://DonateLifeGeorgia.org).
- When obtaining/renewing a driver’s license or identification card at a local driver’s license office.
- When obtaining a hunting, fishing or trapping license through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- Calling Donate Life Georgia directly at 1-866-57-SHARE (1-866-577-4273) to request a registry card.

LifeLink of Georgia is a non-profit community service organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissues for transplantation. Visit [LifeLinkFoundation.org](http://LifeLinkFoundation.org) or call 1-800-544-6667 with questions about organ and tissue donation.

**ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM**

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and is one of the few centers in Georgia to offer CyberKnife® M6 with MLC. Additionally, the Brunswick Campus is accredited by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and the Camden Campus is accredited as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital. The Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 160 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System, a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. For more information, visit [sghs.org](http://sghs.org).

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