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Dear Colleague,

The health care community intersects with patients who are on varying points of the care continuum. Whether we are helping to welcome life or if we are trying to save one, hospitals rely on donations of many kinds. That is why Chester County Hospital has joined the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) to participate in the statewide Gift of Life campaign. The campaign challenges our hospital to educate all employees and our community about the crucial need for organ, eye, and tissue donation and to encourage people to register as donors. As one of our strategic business partners I am asking for your support.

The numbers are overwhelming: there are more than 7,500 Pennsylvanians awaiting a life-saving transplant. These patients are waiting for *another* family, in their time of greatest grief, to donate the organs of the loved one they just lost. Every day, more people are added to the wait list and patients are dying daily who have not yet received the organ transplant they so desperately needed. Just one organ donor can save up to eight lives and one tissue donor can help more than 75 people.

How can you help?

- Share this communication with your friends and workforce.
- Encourage your friends to register to be organ and tissue donors by visiting www.registerme.org. It only takes 30 seconds to designate oneself as a donor... 30 seconds that may save a life.

Penn Medicine is home to the largest transplant center in our region and our commitment to the patients we care for and the community means we should be at the forefront regarding organ donation decision making. We know transplant works. Now is the time to lead the way and become an organ donor.

Thank you for your consideration to help in our efforts to raise awareness.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Duncan
President and CEO