

# GEORGIA EYE BANK, INC.

## CREDENTIALS AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Georgia Eye Bank (GEB) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1961. GEB, the exclusive provider of eye banking services in the state of Georgia, operates under strict ethical and professional standards.



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### MISSION STATEMENT

In the fight against blindness and visual impairment, Georgia Eye Bank, Inc. recovers, processes and provides donor eye tissue for eye surgeries and eye research studies, and promotes and provides education pertaining to eye donation.

#### Organizational Credentials

- Licensed by Georgia Department of Community Health (GDCH)
- Accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) which indicates compliance with
  - EBAA Medical Standards
  - Federal and State Laws
- Member of Georgia Governor's Advisory Board on Anatomical Gifts
- Member of the Georgia Coalition on Anatomical Gifts
- Operates within the regulatory guidelines of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

#### Staff Credentials

- EBAA Certified Eye Bank Technicians (CEBT) in supervisory and critical positions
- Management Team comprised of Technical and Business expertise with over 100 years of combined, related experience
- Co-Medical Directors are ophthalmologists with sub-specialty training in Cornea and External Disease who attend EBAA required medical director updates

#### Quality Assurance

- Extensive written policies and procedures to ensure the highest medical, technical, business and ethical practices.
- Regular review and training of staff
- Third party medical, technical and financial reviews
- Adverse reaction reporting, investigation and corrective action system
- Compliance with the highest standards for screening and evaluation of eye donations to ensure safe and beneficial transplants
- Oversight by a Board of Trustees and Medical Advisory Committee

#### Standards of Practice

- Operates under a code of ethics set forth by EBAA and GDCH
- Adheres to strict confidentiality standards regarding donor and recipient information
- Functions in partnership with Georgia hospitals within the guidelines of a mutually approved Cooperative Agreement to
  - Appropriately screen all potential donors
  - Present the option for donation in a sensitive and caring manner
  - Conform to the principles of informed consent
  - Educate hospital staff regarding eye donation and cornea transplantation
- Complies with all applicable regulations established by the FDA and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Complies with all occupational safety requirements set forth by OSHA
- Complies with EBAA standards that require donor eye tissue to be distributed in a fair and equitable manner. Access to donor tissue is provided without regard to recipient sex, age, religion, race, creed, color or national origin.
- Operates under laws and requirements to comply with Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) designation

#### Third Party Reviews

- EBAA for Accreditation
- Financial Audits by the CPA firm of Brooks, McGinnis & Company, LLC
- GDCH for state licensing
- FDA for prevention of the transmission of infectious disease
- OSHA for employee safety

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