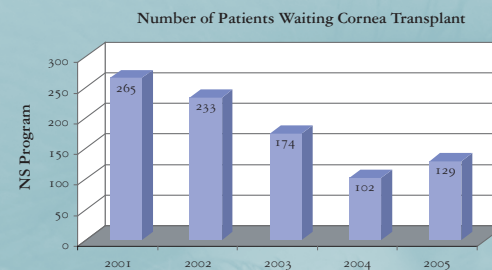


# VISION LEGACY PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT

CAPITAL HEALTH, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA



## November '04–January '05

Palliative Care Unit Admissions = 59

Eligible Donor Approaches = 0

Cornea Donations = 0

## Literature Review

Cornea donation within palliative care: a review of the literature. Intl J Pall Nurs 2005

“Cornea donation occurs infrequently within palliative care, even though the majority of the public say they are in favour of donating organs and tissue after death.”

The experiences of donor families in the hospice.

Palliat Med 2003 Apr;17(3):241–7.

“majority had thought the deceased was ineligible for donation due to cancer or old age.”

## Hypotheses

- Purpose and meaning to dying patient
- Helps family during grieving process
- Living legacy

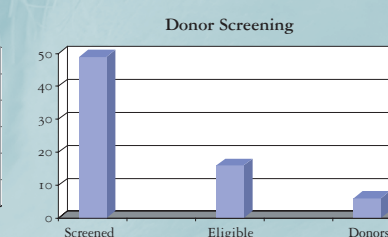
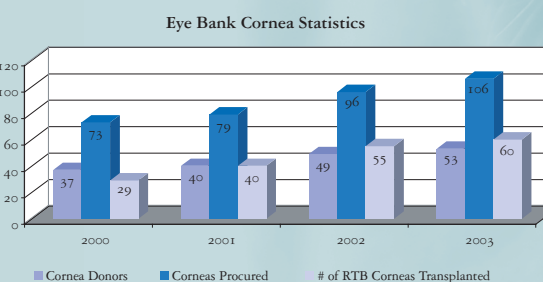
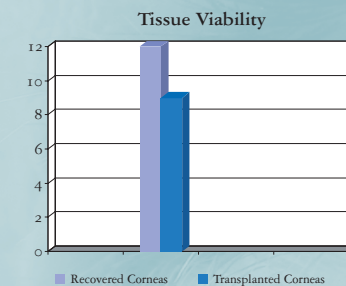
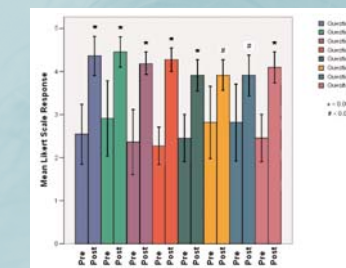
## Objectives

- Educate PC Unit staff/identify local champions
- Educate Pt/family
- Screen new admissions for eligibility
- Provide eligible donors with opportunity
- Evaluate

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## Process

- Vision Legacy Assessment form in new admit package
- Approach eligible patient/family
- Advise Tissue Bank Specialist (TBS)
- Place color coded sticker placed on Kardex
- Advise TBS of death
- Post mortem eye care
- Custom Tissue Bank reports

## Tools and Resources

- Family information folder
- Skills Workshop for staff
- Palliative care video
- Pocket reference card for staff
- Reference binder for Unit
- Color coded stickers for Kardex
- Eye care kits with instruction

## What's Next?

- Continue incorporate in workflow
- Opportunity in home care/province-wide palliative care services
- Poster accepted International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill, Montréal, 2006
- Research opportunities

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## Dignity-Conserving Care:

A New Model for Palliative Care. Helping the Pt Feel Valued.

Chochinov. JAMA. 2002;287:2253–60

MAJOR DIGNITY CATEGORIES, THEMES AND SUB-THEMES		
Illness Related Concerns	Dignity Conserving Repertoire	Social Dignity Inventory
<b>Level of Independence</b> Cognitive Acuity Functional Capacity <b>Symptom Distress</b> Physical Distress Psychological Distress	<b>Dignity Conserving Perspectives</b> • continuity of self • role preservation • generativity/legacy • sense of purpose • hopefulness • autonomy / control • acceptance • resilience / fighting spirit <b>Dignity Conserving Practices</b> • living "in the moment" • maintaining normalcy • seeking spiritual comfort	Privacy Boundaries Social Support Care Tenor Burden to Others Aftermath Concerns