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### **INFORMATION REGARDING ALLOGRAFTS**

The following information has been taken from “Choosing and Allograft from MTF” brochure from MTF: Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation – *The Allograft Leader*.

The patient facing ligament reconstruction for their injury may choose to have surgery using bone and/or soft tissue transplant called an allograft. An allograft is bone or soft tissue that is transplanted from one person to another. Transplanted bone, tendons, cartilage and skin are used extensively in orthopaedics, neurosurgery, as well as plastic, general and dental surgeries. In this country, an estimated 900,000 allografts are transplanted each year. Dr. Shybut uses the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) for allograft tissue for ligament reconstructions, meniscal transplants, and osteochondral transplants.

### **WHO IS MTF?**

The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation is the largest provider of bone and soft tissue grafts in the United States. Founded by surgeons and medical teaching institutions, MTF is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of surgeons and patients for allografts that meet the highest standards of quality and safety.

### **WHERE DO MTF ALLOGRAFTS COME FROM?**

Donors are people who have died in accidents or from sudden illness such as heart attack or stroke. Often the gift of bone and soft tissues from a single donor can help multiple recipients. Every donor is screened extensively before donation. All donated tissue is rigorously tested using the most technologically advanced methods to ensure safety and sterility before release for distribution. All tissues that do not pass these rigorous tests are rejected.

### **THE SAFETY OF MTF ALLOGRAFTS**

Since the inception of MTF in 1987, with over 2.5 million grafts distributed, MTF maintains an unrivaled safety record. MTF has never had a confirmed case of viral transmission for infection from any allograft.

### **MTF MISSION STATEMENT**

MTF is a non-profit service organization dedicated to providing quality tissue through a commitment to excellence in education, research, recovery and care for recipients, donors and their families. For more information regarding MTF – Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, please go to: [www.mtf.org](http://www.mtf.org)