



Facts about Jordan Eye Bank

- 1- Jordan Eye Bank (JEB) was established with the purpose of restoring vision to the visually disabled by means of corneal graft transplantation (graft).
- 2- The task of the bank is to collect and to keep corneas donated by the deceased person. It deserves to be noted that removal of cornea. Which is merely a clear membrane in the front post of the eye, never distorts the shape of the eye.
- 3- To control the Quality and cost of corneal grafts to be used for our patients, and upon the recommendation of the M.O.H., the Cabinet made a decision allowing only Jordan Eye Bank to import corneas.

The Bank started implementing its new role since 12003/8/ by importing corneas for all the health sectors in the Kingdom. USA being the only source, so far.

- 4- Corneal grafting means replacing the damaged cornea with a cornea which has been taken from a human body.
- 5- The number of patients is need of corneal grafting has reached several thousands. The damage to the cornea is usually due to keratoconus or recurrent inflammation or trauma to the eye.
- 6- Most donated corneas could be made use of as long as they have not been damaged.
- 7- This operation heals only corneal diseases.
- 8- Success rate is corneal grafting exceeds 80%.
- 9- The removed cornea remains in good condition if donated within 24 hours after death.
- 10- Corneal removal does not leave any distortion since the part removed has a diameter of 12mm. the eye remains perfect in shape and color.

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The Judgment of Shareeah on the Donation of the Cornea

The following is a reply for a formal legal Islamic opinion on corneal grafting directed to Dar El Eftaa by his Royal Highness Rad Ben Zaid, the president of the Friends Society of Jordan Eye Bank and Prevention of Blindness.

Praise is to Allah, the cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds:

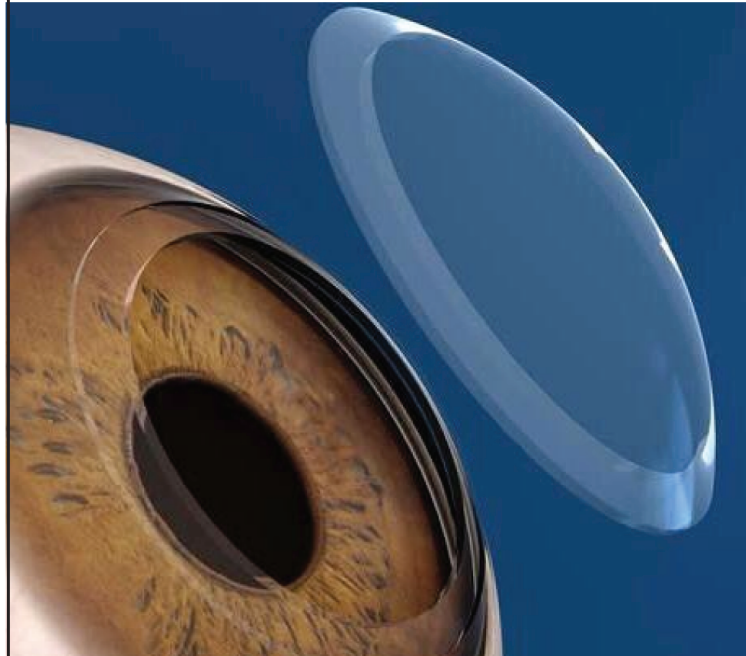
The principles of Islamic Shareeah (i.e. Islamic Law) permit the removal of corneas of the deceased for the purpose of grafting them into the eyes of the blind or those threatened with loss of vision under the following conditions:

- i. That the death of the donor is verified.
- ii. That the deceased person has, prior to his death agreed to donate his cornea or that his relatives have agreed to do so after his/her death.
- iii. That the success rate of corneal grafting is high.

Evidence Authorizing Corneal Donation is Islamic Includes:

- 1- All transplantation of organs from cadaver donor to the live recipient is sustenance of life as provided for by the Islamic Shareeah.
- 2- There is no doubt that blindness is a gross injury inflicted upon man and the preservation of it is highly desirable so that corneal grafting from the deceased persons to the live is permissible. This fall under the universally accepted rules such as: Necessities permit the forbidden, and – When it is a choice of two evils, choose the lesser.

- 3- The removal of the cornea of the dead for grafting to the eye of a live person is in no way similar to mutilation prohibited by the Prophet –Peace be Upon Him- Since mutilation means contempt for and violation of the sanctity of the dead.



The Shape of the Donated Cornea

Objective of Friends Society of Jordan Eye Bank

- * To support Jordan Eye Bank in conveying its message to society.
- * To encourage individuals to offer post deceased corneas, thus enabling those who are

apt to go blind to maintain good sight.

- * To finance corneal graft operation for poor people.
- * To promote health awareness.
- * To support scientific research on eye disease.

The Donor Receives Blessing of Allah.

It is for this reason also that Muslim Faqihs (Jurists) have legitimized the caesarian section for the mother who has died before labor so as to save the child. Faqihs states: the sanctity of the live and the maintenance of his life have priory over sparing the dead "Allah says in the Holly Quran", Nor are alike those that are living and those that are dead.

- 4- Islamic shareeah has called for the use of medication. The prophet, so medicate, but do not use the forbidden corneal transplantation is a form of treatment.
- 5- Islamic Shareeah has urged us to offer help to those who need it. Urging Muslims to help those in need, Allah messenger said: "Whoever removes any anxiety of a believer, Allah will remove his anxiety on the Resurrection Day". Allah will always support the servant, as long as the servant supports his brother.