



The Tissue Provider that Surgeons and Hospitals **Trust**

- *RELIABILITY*
- *RECOVERY & PROCESSING*
- *CUSTOMER PREFERENCES*
- *UNSURPASSED SAFETY & QUALITY*

LifeLink[®]



Tissue Bank

WHY LIFELINK TISSUE BANK?

For over 40 years, surgeons and hospitals have come to trust LifeLink Tissue Bank. This is due to our strict screening, recovery, processing technology, and our adherence to **Safety First**.

Since our inception, LifeLink has had **ZERO instances** of viral or bacterial disease transmission with all the allografts that have been distributed and implanted. Our outstanding safety record means that surgeons can operate with confidence.

RELIABILITY

The LifeLink three federally designated Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) receive the donor's advanced medical and social history information to aid in our stringent donor screening process.

- ▶ We culture all tissue at the time of recovery and all aseptically processed non-irradiated batches of final allografts are additionally cultured
- ▶ LifeLink only recovers tissue in a qualified recovery environment
- ▶ We have earned a reputation in the surgical community for providing allografts of exceptional safety and quality

RECOVERY AND PROCESSING

LifeLink adheres to strict recovery and processing SOPs with proprietary processing methods that result in an outstanding safety record.

- ▶ All musculoskeletal allografts undergo a proven aseptic processing method (Allowash®) which includes an intensive cleansing process to kill and eliminate viruses and bacteria by removing 99% of the bone marrow and lipids*
- ▶ Minimized risk of allograft failure and reoperation using Allowash processing technology and low dose irradiation**
- ▶ Studies performed demonstrated that the biomechanical integrity or osteoinductivity of demineralized bone is maintained for allografts processed using Allowash technology *
- ▶ All LifeLink tissue is processed in our state-of-the-art ISO Class 5 cleanrooms



***We Connect Healthcare Professionals
with a World-Class Tissue Bank***

CUSTOMER PREFERENCES

LifeLink customers have grown to appreciate a multitude of options when choosing an allograft. For our Sports Tendons, LifeLink uniquely provides two different catalog numbers to distinguish between aseptically processed and terminally sterilized tendons.



▶ **Aseptically Processed Tendons**

- Never exposed to irradiation
- Aseptic handling throughout the entire process
- The majority of all tendons recovered at LifeLink are aseptically processed

▶ **Terminally Sterilized Tendons**

- Low dose terminal gamma irradiation
- Performed at dry ice temperatures
- Sterility Assurance Level (SAL) = 10^{-6} , **STERILE R**

UNSURPASSED SAFETY AND QUALITY

The use of Allowash® technology by LifeLink will never act as a substitute for the strict donor screening and testing guidelines employed by LifeLink. Allowash® adds an ever-greater measure of assurance to physicians and patients.

- ▶ All LifeLink personnel are trained to rigorous policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with AATB Standards for Tissue Banking and regulatory requirements
- ▶ Comprehensive QA program monitors all of LifeLink tissue banking operations in order to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable disease
- ▶ Comprehensive serologic testing performed on each donor
- ▶ Use of electronic processing records to ensure quality



Safety Without Compromise

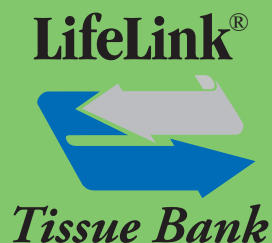
When choosing an allograft, we want you to see that there can be no compromises.

Our goal is to continuously improve technologies for patients in need of transplantation therapy, and to provide multiple options for our physicians.

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*On file at LifeLink

**Tejwani study reference: Samir G. Tejwani MD, Jason Chen MA, Tadashi T. Funahashi MD, Gregory B. Maletis MD, and Rebecca Love MPH, RN: Revision Risk After Allograft Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction: Association With Graft Processing Techniques, Patient Characteristics, and Graft Type. AJSM Preview Published June 11, 2015.



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