

Quick Facts

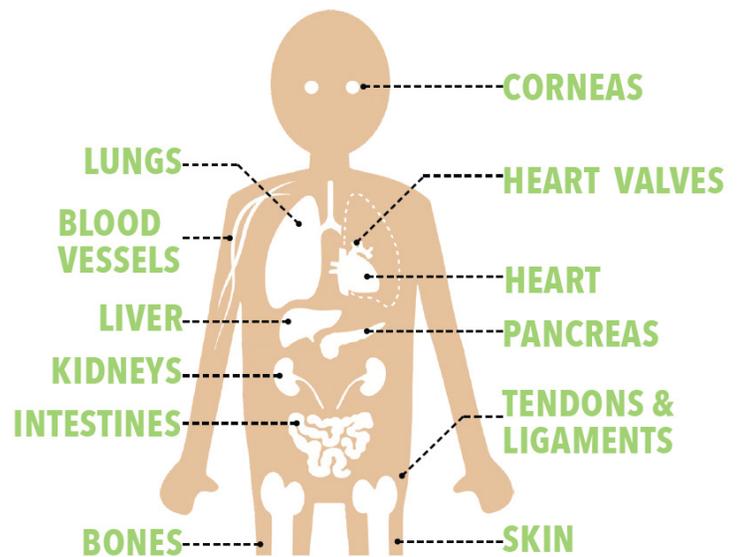


The Basics

- › One organ donor can save up to **eight lives**. One tissue donor can improve the lives of up to **75 people**.
- › Nationally, most patients wait **one to two years** for an organ transplant. In NYS, patients wait **as long as five years**.

The Wait

- › **116,500** people on the national waiting list for organs; every ten minutes, someone is added to the wait list
- › **9,500** people waiting in NYS
- › **+1 MILLION** people benefit from tissue transplants each year



The Truths

Doctors will do everything in their power to save you	Organ, eye & tissue donation only occurs after the death of a patient is declared by a physician who is not affiliated with donation.
It is supported by most religions	Most major religions support organ donation including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and more.
Don't rule yourself out	Your age, medical condition or health status should not stop you from signing up if you wish to be a donor. At the time of death, donation professionals will determine donor suitability.
Funeral services are possible	Donation does not disfigure the body or delay funeral arrangements. Open-casket viewing is possible. Families of donors are not responsible for medical costs related to donation.



NYS ranks last in the nation in percent of residents registered as donors



Every 17 hours someone in NYS dies waiting for an organ

28%

of NYS residents are registered donors

54%

of residents across the USA



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Types of Donation

- › There are two types of donation: **living donation** and **deceased donation**. Living donation provides an opportunity for an individual to save a life while still living. Deceased donation occurs after the prospective donor is declared deceased by a physician. This fact sheet provides information on deceased donation, however living donation is also an option for those who wish to save lives through organ donation. Living donors may donate a kidney, a third of the liver, and in some rare cases, a portion of the pancreas or intestine and a lung (see page 1).

› **1,611** 
number of deceased donor transplants
performed in NYS in 2016

› **27,630** 
number of deceased donor transplants
performed in the USA in 2016

Signing Up

- › In NYS, you can register to become a donor at the NYSDMV or on their online site 'MyDMV,' when applying for or renewing a learner permit, driver license or non-driver ID.
- › You can also register at an IDNYC Enrollment Center, through the New York State of Health Official Health Plan Marketplace, when you register to vote, or at donatelife.ny.gov.
- › **Note:** as of February 2017, those aged 16 and 17 can register their consent to become a donor. Parents/guardians will be notified at the time of the potential donation and, if they wish, can revoke the option. Consent of individuals age 18 and older can only be revoked by themselves.



The History

- › **1906:** first corneal transplant
- › **1954:** first successful kidney transplant
- › **1967:** first successful heart transplant
- › **1976:** cyclosporine is introduced (immune suppressant)
- › **1977:** first computer-based organ matching system implemented



- › **1999:** first successful hand transplant
- › **2001:** first time the number of living donors (6,528) exceeded the number of deceased donors (6,081)
- › **2010:** first successful full face transplant

Sources:

- › Donate Life America
- › Eye Bank Association of America
- › UNOS- United Network for Organ Sharing
- › Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
- › organdonor.gov

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