

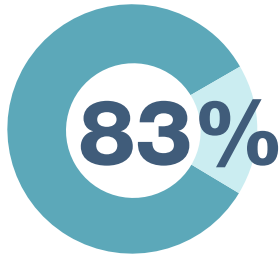


Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

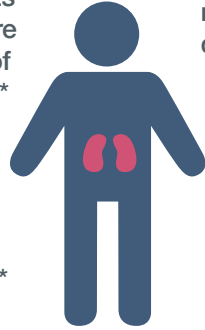
Every **10** minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



22 people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.



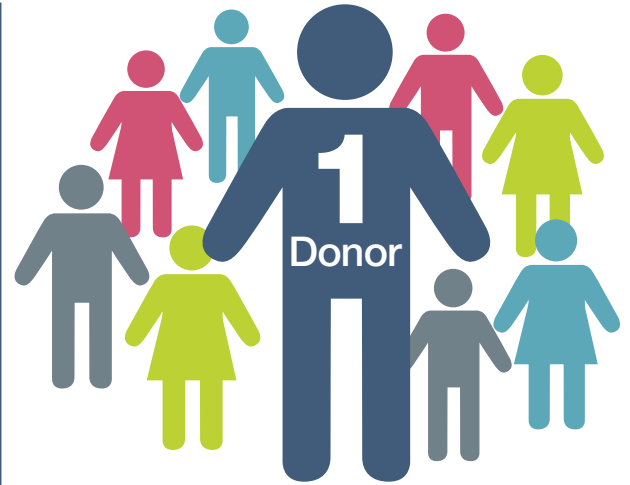
of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.*



3-5 years is the average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor.*

12% of patients waiting are in need of a liver.*

*Living donation is an option for these patients and is not included in your donor registration.



Can save up to **8** lives

Restore sight to **2** people

Heal the lives of more than **75** people

More than **84,000** corneal transplants help restore sight each year.

More than **1.75 million** tissue transplants heal lives each year.



Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, doctors work hard to save every patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is organ donation an option.

Will I be able to have an open casket funeral if I donate?

An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

Does my social or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ?

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on many factors, including: blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance from donor hospital and time on the list. Race, income, gender, celebrity and social status are never considered.

Why register your decision to be a donor?

You can save up to 8 lives and heal the lives of more than 75 people. Your registration serves as a symbol of hope to patients waiting, and sharing it with your family lets them know your decision.

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation?

- 1** Register your decision to be a donor at RegisterMe.org.
- 2** Tell your family and friends about your decision to *Donate Life*.
- 3** Ask others to visit DonateLife.net to learn more and register.