



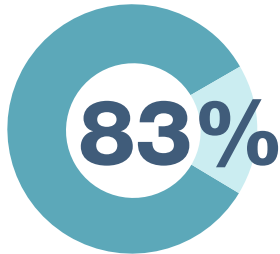
Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation



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

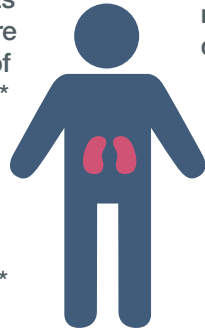


22 people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.



of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.*

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



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

*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 with people on the waiting list based on factors such as blood type, body size and how sick they are. 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 through organ donation and heal more than 75 others with the gift of tissue. Your registration serves as a symbol of hope to patients on the transplant waiting list.

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

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