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Become an Organ and Tissue Donor

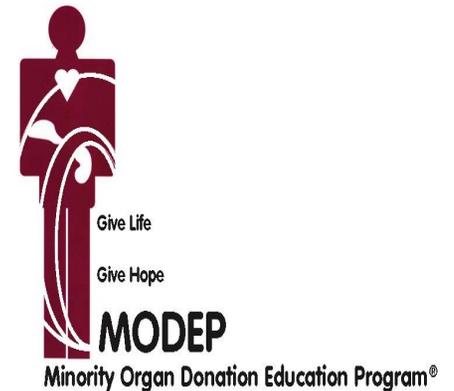
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At any given time there are over 90,000 patients on the national waiting list for an organ transplant of some type. Kidneys are the most needed organ.

Tissue donors can donate corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, tendons, veins and other needed tissue.

There are more than 1,000 organs that are transplanted in New York State each year because of the generous gifts of others.

More than 9,000 New Yorkers are still waiting for life-saving organs and tissue. Unfortunately the need for organs far exceeds the supply.



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What is Organ Donation?

Organ donation takes healthy organs and tissues from one person for transplantation into another. Organs from one donor (whole body donor) can save or help as many as 15 people.

Who Can Donate?

People of all ages and background can be organ donors. If you are under age 18, your parent or guardian must give you permission to become a donor. If you are 18 or older you can show you want to be a donor by signing a donor card or the back of your drivers license. You should also let your family know your wishes.



Organs you can donate include:

Kidneys are the most needed organ. Other organs of great need are our hearts, lungs, livers and pancreas.

Minorities overall have a particularly high need for organ transplants due to some diseases of the kidney, heart, lung, pancreas, and liver are found more frequently in racial and ethnic minority populations than in the general population. Because certain blood types are more common in ethnic minority populations, increasing the number of minority donors increases the frequency of minority transplants.



Are there any costs to my family for organ donation?

No. Your family pays for your medical care and funeral costs, but not for organ donation. Costs related to donation are paid by the recipient, usually through insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

You Are Never Too Old To Donate



Will donation disfigure my body?

No: Donation does not interfere with having an open casket service. Surgical techniques are used to retrieve organs and tissues, and all incisions are closed.

Can I Sell My Organs?

No! The National Organ Transplant Act (Public Law 98-507) makes it illegal to sell human organs and tissues in the United States. Violators are subject to fines and imprisonment. One reason Congress made this law was to make sure the wealthy do not have an unfair advantage for obtaining donated organs and tissues.