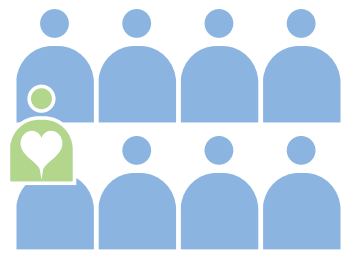


GET THE FACTS *about* ORGAN *and* TISSUE DONATION



**One organ donor
can save 8 lives
and heal 75 more
through eye and tissue donation**

Nearly

10,000

New Yorkers are
waiting for a
lifesaving
organ transplant

-and-



1,500

have been waiting
**more than
five years**

**Sadly, approximately 500
New Yorkers die
each year because
the organ they need
is not donated in time**



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



**No one is too old or
too sick to register**

Anyone age 16+ can join the
NYS Donate Life Registry

**All major
religions**

support
organ and
tissue
donation, viewing it
as an act of love and
generosity



**Registering as a donor
does not interfere
with medical care**

Donation becomes an option only
after death has been determined



**There is no cost to
the donor's family**

or estate for organ
and tissue donation

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *about* ORGAN *and* TISSUE DONATION



Q. What is the New York State Donate Life Registry?

A. A confidential database of people who have authorized the donation of their organs, eyes, and/or tissues after their death.

Q. Who can join the New York State Donate Life Registry?

A. Anyone age 16 and older can enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry.

Q. How can I enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry?

A. There are many ways to join the Registry: online at DonateLife.ny.gov; at the DMV when applying for or renewing a learner's permit, driver's license or non-driver ID; on the DMV's website at DMV.ny.gov/MyDMV; on a NYS Voter Registration Form; when applying for health insurance through the NY State of Health Online Marketplace; when applying for or renewing an IDNYC municipal identification card; when applying for hunting, fishing, or certain professional licenses; or on a paper enrollment form.

Q. When I join the Registry, what am I signing up to donate?

A. When you join the Registry, you are able to donate organs, eyes and/or tissues. Organs include: heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissues include: eyes/corneas, skin, heart valves, bone, blood vessels, nerve, cartilage and connective tissues. The Registry does not authorize whole body donation for research or science.

Q. Am I too old or too sick to join the Registry?

A. No one is too old or too sick to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry. Doctors conduct a thorough evaluation of potential donors, including laboratory testing, to ensure donated organs and tissues are safe for transplant.

Q. If I join the Registry, will my medical care be affected?

A. If you are sick or injured, the number one priority is to save your life. Hospitals, EMS, doctors, and nurses cannot access the Registry. Organ and tissue recovery agencies check a potential donor's registration status at the time of death to see if they were enrolled in the Registry.

Q. Does it cost anything to donate organs and tissues?

A. Donation costs nothing to the donor's family or estate. The donor's family or estate only pays for medical expenses before death and costs associated with funeral arrangements.

Q. If I donate my organs and tissues, does NYS take care of my remains?

A. After donation, the body is always returned to the family of the deceased in the same way as any death in a hospital where donation has not taken place.

Q. If I donate my organs and tissues, can I still have an open-casket viewing?

A. Funeral arrangements of your choice are possible, including an open-casket viewing. Through the entire donation process, the body is treated with care and respect. Following donation, funeral arrangements can continue as planned.