

FACTS ABOUT ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

- ① One donor can save 8 lives through organ donation and heal 75 more through tissue and corneal donation.
- ① Today, nearly 9,500 New Yorkers are waiting for life-saving organ transplants. New Yorkers typically make up 10% of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) national organ transplant waiting list.
- ① Approximately 2,000 lives are saved in New York each year through organ transplantation, and thousands more are improved through tissue and corneal donation.
- ① Each year, more than 400 New Yorkers die because an organ does not become available in time to save their lives.
- ① People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. The medical condition of the donor at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated.
- ① Organ and tissue donation becomes an option only after all life-saving measures have been taken and death has been declared. The decision to donate does not interfere with medical care.
- ① Consent for donation is confirmed, and the family is asked to participate in the process by providing a medical and social history.
- ① Surgical procedures are used to recover donated organs and tissues. Donation does not delay or change funeral arrangements, and an open casket is possible.
- ① All major religions support organ and tissue donation.
- ① There is no cost to a donor's family or estate for organ and tissue donation.
- ① Organs are distributed based on medical information like blood type, body size and tissue type matching through a national computer network operated by the UNOS. It is illegal to distribute organs based on nonmedical information such as wealth, citizenship or celebrity status.
- ① It is illegal to buy or sell organs and tissue in the United States.
- ① Donated organs, including the heart, pancreas, kidneys, liver, lungs, and intestines restore life.
- ① Tissue is needed to replace bone, tendons, and ligaments lost to trauma, cancer and other diseases in order to improve strength, mobility and independence. Corneas are needed to restore sight. Skin grafts help burn patients heal, and often mean the difference between life and death. Heart valves repair cardiac defects and damage.
- ① It is possible to donate a kidney, partial liver, lung or pancreas as a living donor.



NEED & BENEFIT OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

NEED

The need for donated organs and tissues continues to grow, especially in New York State. Currently, nearly 114,000 people in the U.S. await lifesaving organ transplants. Each year more than 5,000 people die waiting for an organ transplant that would have given them a second chance at life with their families.

- ⊙ Nearly 9,500 New Yorkers are in need of lifesaving organ transplants.
- ⊙ New York has the third greatest need for donors in the U.S., yet the second lowest percentage of registered donors.
- ⊙ Nearly 1,700 people in New York State have been on the waiting list for more than five years.
- ⊙ In 2017, more than 400 New Yorkers died due to a shortage of donors.

NATIONAL DONOR DESIGNATION SHARE AS OF 3/31/18

State	Share	State	Share	State	Share	State	Share
MT	93%	SD	66%	VT	62%	KY	54%
AK	92%	ND	65%	NM	62%	SC	52%
WA	88%	CO	65%	AZ	61%	TX	50%
UT	77%	VA	65%	NC	61%	CT	48%
OR	77%	MD	64%	HI	61%	PA	48%
IN	75%	DC	64%	GA	61%	NV	48%
IA	73%	ID	64%	IL	60%	CA	47%
KS	73%	OH	63%	RI	59%	TN	43%
AL	73%	WI	63%	OK	59%	WV	42%
MO	72%	MI	63%	WY	59%	NJ	39%
LA	71%	AR	63%	FL	58%	MS	38%
ME	69%	MA	62%	NE	56%	NY	32%
NH	69%	MN	62%	DE	55%	PR	23%
						ALL	56%

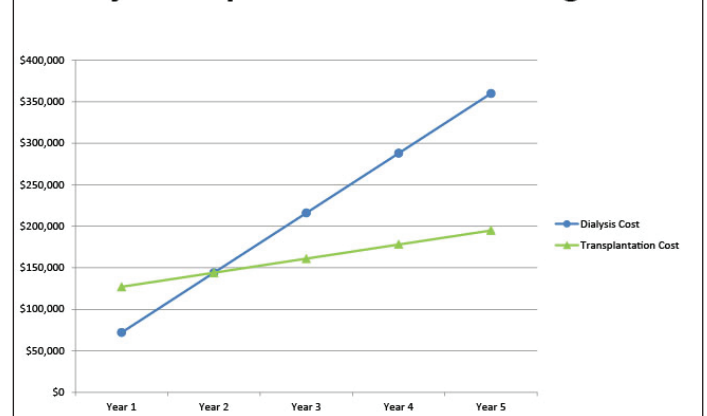
Donor Designation	An individual's commitment to donate recorded in a searchable donor registry
Donor Designation Share	Designated donors as a percentage of state population age 18 and over

BENEFIT

Transplantation is a remarkable success story. Nearly 37,000 people with organ failure benefited from transplants in 2018. Additionally, each year hundreds of thousands of people benefit from donated tissue that is used for lifesaving and reconstructive purposes.

- ⊙ More than 2,600 New Yorkers received a lifesaving organ transplant in 2018.
- ⊙ The benefit of transplantation goes beyond the individual. Improving employment status helps not only the individual, but also the family and the community.
- ⊙ Many families of organ, eye and tissue donors take comfort in the fact that their loved one helped to save or improve the lives of others.
- ⊙ At only one year post transplant, more than half of liver recipients have returned to work.

Kidney Transplantation Cost Savings



After only two years, the cumulative cost of dialysis surpasses the cost associated with transplantation. Additionally, kidney transplantation is associated with lower mortality and improved quality of life compared with chronic kidney dialysis.



HELP INCREASE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE LIVES BY SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION, AND BY HELPING INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN THE NEW YORK STATE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY.

- 🌀 Put a link on your website with the call to action
“Join the New York State Donate Life Registry at donatelife.ny.gov.”
- 🌀 Follow Donate Life New York State on social media and share our content:
 - 📘 Facebook: www.facebook.com/DonateLifeNYS
 - 🐦 Twitter: [@DonateLifeNYS](https://twitter.com/DonateLifeNYS)
 - 📺 YouTube: www.youtube.com/DonateLifeNYS
- 🌀 Send an email to employees, co-workers and friends asking them to
“Join the New York State Donate Life Registry at donatelife.ny.gov.”
- 🌀 Put an article or personal story about donation in your next newsletter.
- 🌀 Issue a press release to highlight National Donate Life month in April.
- 🌀 Display posters and enrollment brochures in your offices.
- 🌀 Distribute organ, eye and tissue donation brochures at events you sponsor or participate in, such as health or community fairs.
- 🌀 Highlight organ, eye and tissue donation in speeches or in media appearances. Feature a mission-connected volunteer to tell their personal story.

To request brochures, posters, newsletter articles, personal stories, sample press releases or speakers for your event, contact Donate Life New York State at info@dlnys.org or call (518)326-3237.

