



## Donation facts and statistics

- ♥ One organ and tissue donor can transform the lives of 10 or more people.<sup>1</sup>
- ♥ Australia is a world leader for successful transplant outcomes.
- ♥ Around 1,600 people are on Australian organ transplant waiting lists at any one time.<sup>2</sup>
- ♥ To lift donation rates the Australian Government, with State and Territory Governments, has implemented a national reform programme, 'A World's Best Practice Approach to Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation'.
- ♥ The Australian Government funds dedicated doctors and nurses in 78 hospitals to work specifically on organ and tissue donation. These positions are part of the national DonatLife Network which also includes State Medical Directors, Organ Donor Coordinators and Donor Family Support Coordinators.
- ♥ In 2015, 1,241 Australians received an organ transplant as a result of the generosity of 435 organ donors whose families agreed to donation at the time of their loved one's death.<sup>3</sup>
- ♥ Complementing the significant progress made in the clinical sector, Australia needs more active engagement and awareness within the community to increase Australia's family consent rate.
- ♥ The Australian Government's national reform programme includes actions to increase clinical capacity and capability and to increase community engagement and awareness in relation to organ and tissue donation.
- ♥ In Australia the family will always be asked to confirm the donation decision of the deceased before donation can proceed.



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- ♥ The majority of Australians (69%) are willing to become organ and tissue donors.<sup>5</sup>
- ♥ Approximately 60% of families give consent for organ and tissue donation to proceed.<sup>6</sup>
- ♥ Families that have discussed and know the donation decision of their loved ones are much more likely to say 'yes' to donation.
- ♥ 61% of Australians do not know or are not sure of the donation decision of their loved ones.<sup>7</sup>
- ♥ The majority of Australians (93%) that are aware of their family members' decision indicate that they would uphold that decision.<sup>8</sup>
- ♥ The majority of Australians (74%) recognise it is important to discuss their donation decision with the people close to them.<sup>9</sup>
- ♥ 60% of Australians have now discussed their donation decision with their family.<sup>10</sup>
- ♥ Every family making the decision about whether to agree to a donation proceeding is now able to receive dedicated support from DonateLife Donor Family Support Coordinators, whether or not donation proceeds.
- ♥ The quality of care for a potential donor at the end of his or her life, and the wishes of their family, is always the foremost consideration of those involved, and is never compromised by the potential for organ and tissue donation.

# decide...discuss

## Australian organ transplant waiting list 1 December 2015

Kidney	1,120
Liver	176
Heart	74
Lung	132
Pancreas	65
Pancreas Islets	11
Intestine	5
Small bowel	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,583</b>

Source: Australia and New Zealand Organ Registry (ANZOD).

## Organ transplant procedures in Australia 2015

Kidney	703
Liver	264
Heart	95
Lung	375
Pancreas	47
Intestine	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,303</b>

Source: Australia and New Zealand Organ Registry (ANZOD) in conjunction with ANZDATA Registry

Note: 1,483 organs were transplanted in 2015 including 1,303 transplant procedures and 1,421 transplant recipients.

1. Organ and Tissue Authority
2. Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry ([www.anzdata.org.au/anzod](http://www.anzdata.org.au/anzod))
3. Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry
4. Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry
5. National Community Awareness Survey, Woolcott Research 2015
6. 2014 DonateLife Audit
7. National Community Awareness Survey, Woolcott Research 2015
8. National Community Awareness Survey, Woolcott Research 2015
9. National Community Awareness Survey, Woolcott Research 2015
10. National Community Awareness Survey, Woolcott Research 2015



## Family discussion

You can help your family and friends have (and remember) the discussion. Visit our website at [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au) for suggestions on how to start that discussion.

**DISCOVER** the facts about organ and tissue donation  
**DECIDE** about becoming a donor  
**DISCUSS** your decision with the people close to you.

**To donate life, know their donation decision.  
Ask them today.**



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