

2016–2017 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS



Australian Government
Organ and Tissue Authority



The need for transplantation continues to outweigh the availability of organs and some tissues in Australia. For this reason, we are committed to optimising every donation opportunity.

The 2016 outcomes represent a 17% increase in the number of organ transplant recipients compared to 2015.

In 2016–17, the OTA along with state and territory governments, the DonateLife Network, clinical stakeholders and the community is focusing on the following key areas to expand the potential donor pool, increase consent to donation, and provide systems that support organ and tissue donation.

2016



2015



Call on **Australians to register donation decisions** on the Australian Organ Donor Register and to **discuss their decision with family and loved ones**

Continue to develop and refine **national performance outcome reporting processes**

Report **Donation after Circulatory Death data in the DonateLife Audit** to enable reporting and analysis of all potential and actual donor cases in DonateLife hospitals across Australia

Support the **development of a new Australian Organ Matching System (AOMS)** to enhance clinical outcomes for organ donation and transplantation e.g. specific age matching of donors to recipients

Implement the **'Best practice guidelines for offering organ and tissue donation in Australia'** providing optimal care and support for families and clinicians when organ donation is possible

Invite families who were asked to make a donation decision to provide feedback on their experiences through the **Donor Family Study** to improve support for families

Continue the **DonateLife Collaborative** focusing on the 26 hospitals across Australia with the greatest potential to increase donation

A series of agreed key performance indicators are being monitored and reported through Hospital Activity Plans

Implement an **eye module** in the existing **Electronic Donor Record (EDR)** – scheduled for 2017

Support the use of the **TSANZ clinical guidelines** to identify and manage acceptable clinical risk according to the needs of the potential donor and transplant recipients

Deliver **Family Donation Conversation** workshops supporting clinicians to enhance their communication skills and embed donation as part of routine end-of-life care

Support the **ongoing development of the eye and tissue sector** in collaboration with governments and professional bodies