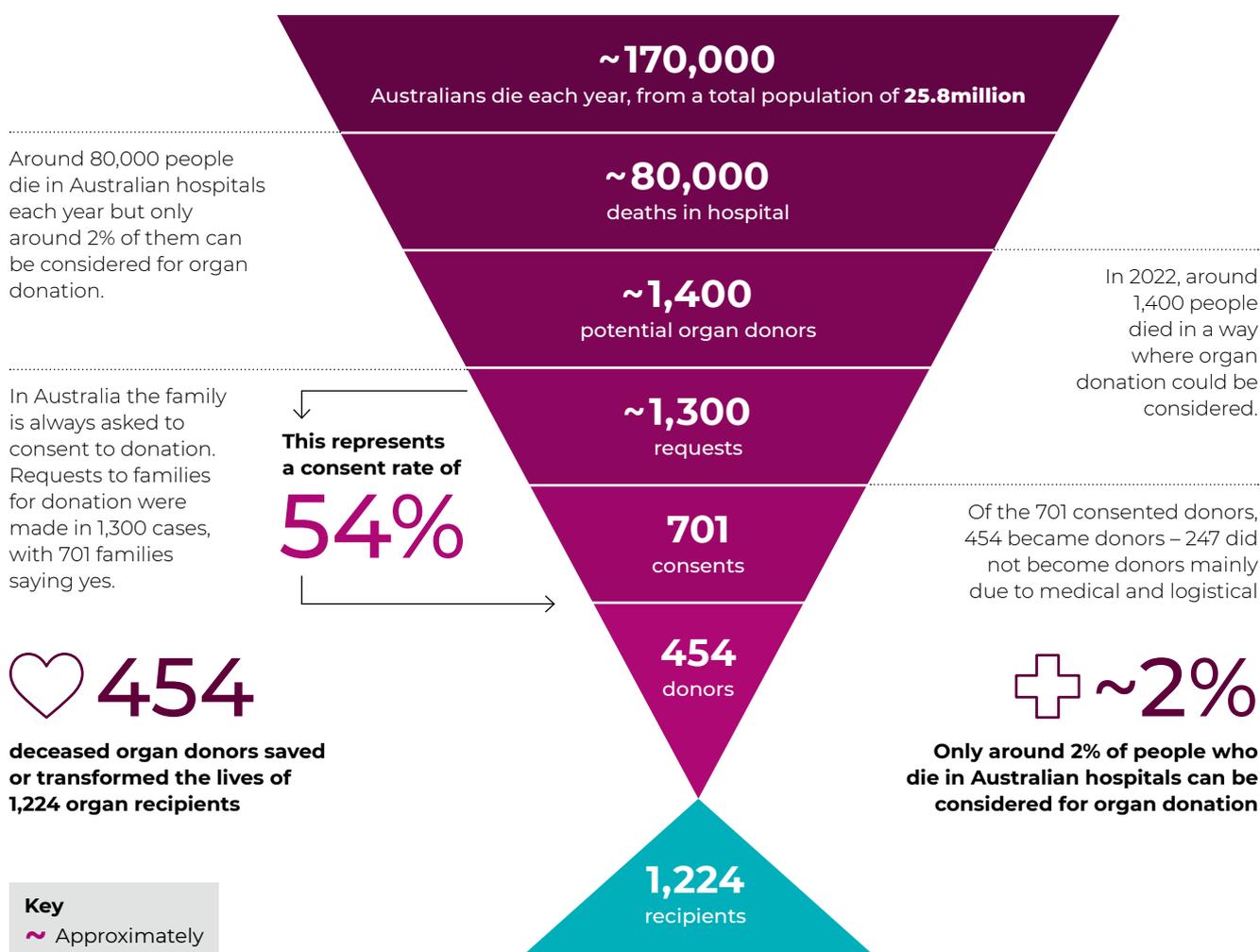




# The organ donation process

- Very few people can become an organ donor when they die.
- A person must die in a hospital in specific circumstances, in an ICU or ED, as organs need to be functioning well to be considered for transplantation.
- Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals meet the criteria required to be an organ donor.
- In 2022, around 1,400 people (of the 80,000 people who died in Australian hospitals) died in a way where organ donation could be considered.
- Requests to families for donation were made in 1,300 cases.
- Of this, 701 families said yes to donation in the hospital – representing a national consent rate of 54% – with 454 people becoming organ donors.
- With only a small number of potential donors, increasing consent is critical to increasing our donation rate.
- There are around 1,800 Australians waitlisted for a transplant and around 14,000 additional people on dialysis – some of whom may need a kidney transplant.



## About this data

This data is an extract of the [2022 Australian Donation and Transplantation Activity Report](#). The report provides an annual data snapshot and measure of progress against the national program for increasing organ and tissue donation for transplantation.

## It only takes one minute to register as an organ and tissue donor.

Head to [donatelife.gov.au/register](https://donatelife.gov.au/register) or register in three clicks via the Medicare app, and tell your family you want to be a donor.

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