### 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.

### Key

- Approximately

#### Facts

- Around 80,000 people die in Australian hospitals each year but only around 2% of them can be considered for organ donation.
- In Australia, the family is always asked to consent to donation. Requests to families for donation were made in 1,300 cases, with 701 families saying yes.
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#### Statistics

- 1,224 recipients
- 454 deceased organ donors saved or transformed the lives of 1,224 organ recipients
- 701 consents
- 1,300 requests
- ~1,400 potential organ donors
- ~80,000 deaths in hospital
- ~170,000 Australians die each year, from a total population of 25.8 million

#### Additional Information

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 or register in three clicks via the Medicare app, and tell your family you want to be a donor.

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