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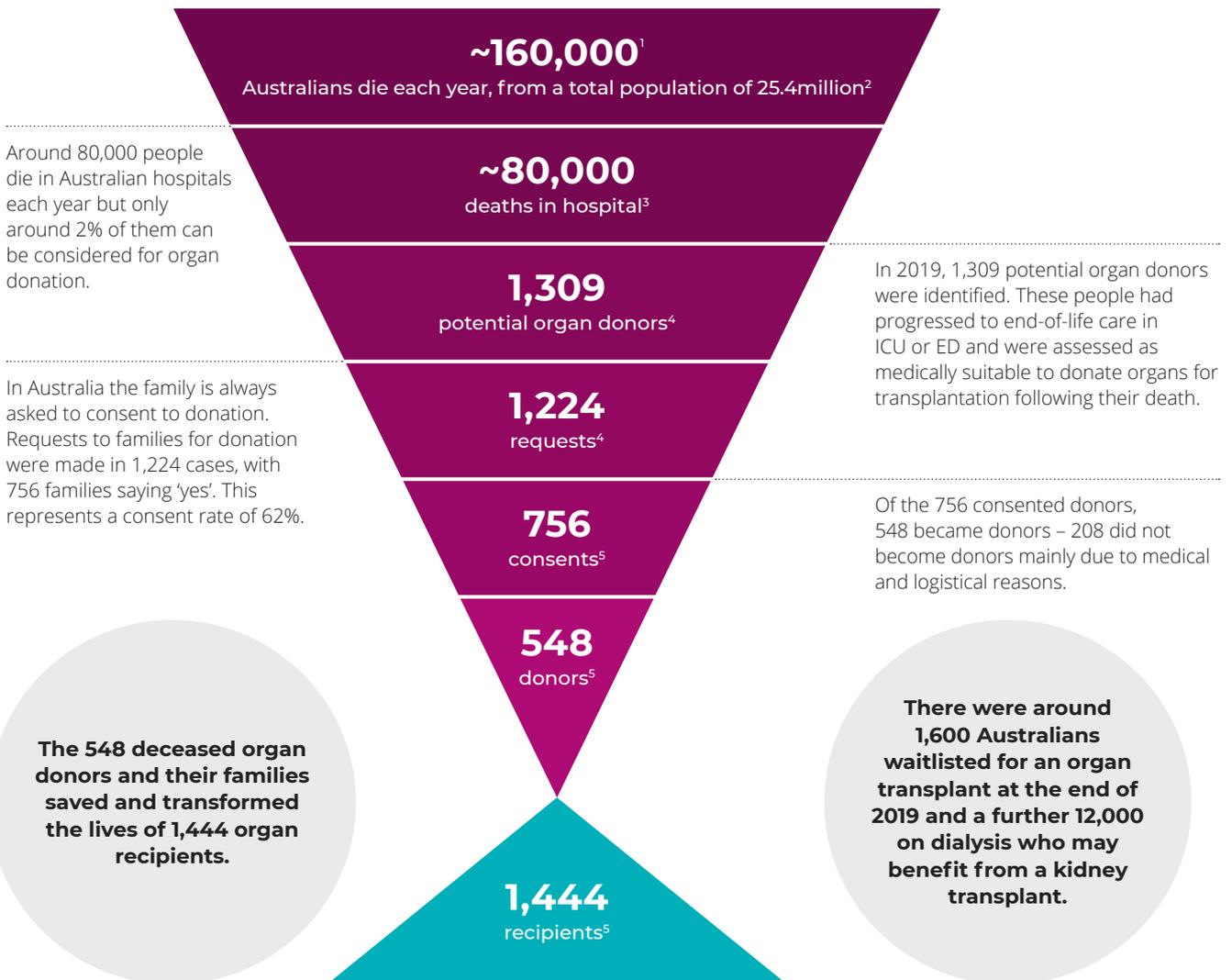
Organ donation is a rare event

Not everyone can become an organ donor when they die. To be an organ donor, a person must die in a hospital's intensive care unit (ICU) or emergency department (ED) and be medically assessed as suitable to donate organs for transplantation.

~ **2%**

Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals can be considered for organ donation

Australia's potential deceased organ donor population and transplantation outcomes



With donation possible in so few cases, and with so many people needing an organ transplant, it is vital more people in the potential donor pool say 'yes' to donation.

If more people say 'yes' to organ donation, more transplants will occur.

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