



Facts About Donation and Transplantation

- Nationwide, over 46,000 organ transplants were performed in 2023 using organs from both deceased and living donors. This marks the twelfth consecutive record-setting year for transplants in the United States.
- Over 100,000 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. (up to the minute data is available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/data/>).
- An average of **17** patients die every day while waiting for a lifesaving organ and every **eight** minutes someone is added to the transplant waitlist.
- One organ donor can save the lives of up to **eight** people by donating their heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas and small intestines.
- On average, one tissue donor can enhance the lives of more than **75** people by donating their corneas, skin, bones and heart valves, among others.
- Patients are matched with a donor depending on the severity of their illness, body size, tissue type, blood type and other important medical information.
- Over 2 million patients have had their sight restored worldwide through corneal transplants.
- More than **2.5 million** tissue transplants are performed each year in the United States, offering patients a new chance at healthy, productive and normal lives.
- You are likely to have a neighbor, friend or even a family member who has received a tissue transplant. This is often a necessary part of medical treatment for a multitude of diseases and injuries, from bone fracture or ligament repair to hear surgery.
- A living donor can provide a whole kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine.
- Register your intent to be an organ, eye and tissue donor: in California www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org or nationally www.RegisterMe.org/.