

For more information about organ, tissue and eye transplantation in New York State, call an organ procurement organization as listed below.

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GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR

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“Making the commitment to become an organ donor is a personal decision, and one that should be made after careful consideration and discussion with family members and physicians, but there is no gift more precious than the gift of life.”

I am currently enrolled in the New York State Life Pass It On Registry – should I enroll in the Donate Life Registry? What is the difference?

The Life Pass It On Registry was established in 1999 as a registry of intent: It recorded someone’s intention to be an organ, tissue and eye donor. Intent registries require permission from next-of-kin or other authorized person for donation to proceed in the event of the potential donor’s death. In 2006, a new law created the New York State Donate Life Registry: a registry that records an individual’s own legal consent to organ, tissue and eye donation upon their death. To ensure that your decision to be an organ, tissue and eye donor is honored, you must enroll in the Donate Life Registry.

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Nearly 10,000 people are waiting for organ transplants in New York State.

What do you mean when you say this is a registry of legal consent?

By enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry, you become a designated donor. It means that you are giving legal consent for the recovery of your organs, tissues and eyes for the purposes of transplantation and research at the time of your death. Your legally binding decision may not be overturned by any other person. It ensures that your decision will be shared with your next-of-kin or other authorized person; the donation process will be explained to them in great detail.

Why are organ, tissue and eye donations needed?

There is a severe shortage of organs for life-saving transplants. In addition to those New Yorkers waiting for organ transplants, many more are helped by tissue donation such as skin for burn victims or eye donations for sight-restoring cornea transplants. Without these surgeries, they will die or remain disabled. Transplants give people a chance to resume full, productive lives.

Who can become a donor?

All people can be considered as being potential organ, tissue and eye donors after death has been declared. However, the presence of active cancer, active HIV, active infection (for example, sepsis) or Intravenous (IV) drug use would absolutely rule out donation. Patients who have Hepatitis C may still donate organs to a patient who also has Hepatitis C. The same is true for Hepatitis B — but this happens less frequently. Most cancer patients may donate corneas.

One organ donor can save up to eight lives. The same donor can also save or improve the lives of up to 50 people by donating tissues and corneas.

How do I become an organ, eye and tissue donor?

There are a variety of ways to become an organ, tissue and eye donor in New York State.

1. At the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): Check off the donor box on your driver’s license application or renewal form, or when applying for or renewing a non-driver identification card.
2. Online: Fill out the Donor Registry enrollment

form on this website. Once you’ve filled out the form online, print it, sign it, and mail it to the New York State Department of Health.

3. By Mail: Download a Donor Registry enrollment form and mail it in.

If I enroll in the registry, will it affect the quality of medical care I receive in the hospital?

Anytime you are in a hospital, doctors will do all they can to save your life. Donation only occurs after the death of a patient is declared by physicians who are legally not affiliated with donation.

In 2010, 658 people died in New York State while waiting for organ transplants. This means that someone dies every 13 hours in the state because of the organ donor shortage.

Is there any cost to my estate or family for donating my organs, eyes or tissues?

If you’re a donor, your family does not pay any bills related to donation.

Does organ donation prohibit an open casket funeral?

A donor’s body is never disfigured and donation does not interfere with funeral arrangements. Open casket services are possible.

The Need for Organ Donors in the United States?

More than 112,000 people are waiting for organ transplants in the United States.

On average, 18 people die each day because of the shortage of donated organs.

A new name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.

Each year, more than one million people need corneas, as well as tissues such as heart valves, cardiovascular tissue, bone, soft musculoskeletal tissue and skin. (Source: Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation - MTF) not affiliated with donation.