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Organ Donation



The donation of organs in a morally acceptable act during life or at the end of life. This great act offers the gifts of health and life to those who are most vulnerable and who are at times without hope.

It is in fact one of the many pro-life positions an individual can choose in order to foster a culture that values life in our world.

Who can be an organ donor?

Living donor :In the UAE everyone who holds an Emirates ID and is 21 years old or over can become a living organ donor

Deceased donor : In general, brain-dead victims or road accident victims where the patient will have a dead brain stem and cannot breathe; however, their heart and other organs can be functional with the aid of a ventilator, intravenous fluids and oxygen. Such patient are declared as deceased donors

Most of the organs that are available come from deceased donors. A smaller number of organs come from living donors .

What are the organs or tissues that a donor can provide ?





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Does a donor's blood and tissue types have to match the recipient's? Generally, it is easier to transplant an organ if the donor and recipient are a good match. The transplant team will conduct a series of tests to determine whether blood and tissue types of the donor are compatible with the recipient's.

What are the benefits of organ donation ?

Organ donation is a noble cause of providing hope for a second life in patients who are suffering from organ failure. The following are the importance of donating an organ:

- a) Saving the lives of many members, as one deceased donor can provide life support to 8 members suffering from end-stage organ damage and can enhance the life of 75 others .Living donors can donate a kidney and part of a liver to relatives up to the fourth degree .
- b) Improving the patient's and their family's quality of life.
- c) Reducing the overall healthcare cost compared to long-term medical treatments for organ failure
- d) Addressing the shortage of organ availability, thereby decreasing waiting times for patients who are in need of it

Can donors have health problems in the future?

There are some organs that one can give up as all or part of without having long-term health issues. One can donate a whole kidney, or part of the pancreas, intestine, liver, or lung. In such cases the donor's body will compensate for the missing organ or organ part. The transplant team can decide whether you're a good candidate to be a donor .

Who oversees the organ donation program in the UAE?

The NCDT (National Centre for Donation and Transplant)oversees the entire program and ensures that all the ethical principles related to transplanting of organs or tissues , organ procurement and allocation are strictly complied with .

How can you register as a donor in the UAE ?

Organ donors are always in great need. There are far more people in need of a transplant than there are people willing to donate an organ. World statistics has revealed that each day 17 people die waiting for an organ

To register as an organ donor visit Ministry of health and prevention website and register with HAYAT Organ Donation Program. For more information talk to your healthcare provider or visit the link <https://hayat.mohap.gov.ae>

GIVE HOPE TO SOMEONE, GIVE A GIFT OF LIFE