

WHAT IS A DONOR CARD ?

Donor card is a means of expressing your wishes. It is like making a will.

By signing the Donor Card you have agreed that you will be an organ donor.

HOW DO I CARRY THE DONOR CARD ?

Always keep this card on person, in your purse or wallet. Tell your close relatives about your wishes to be an organ donor. The donor card can also serve as an emergency card in your wallet.

ORGAN DONOR CARD	
TO HELP SOMEONE AFTER DEATH	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am an organ donor
	<input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not an organ donor
I hereby declare that I am an organ donor and I wish to donate my organs to qualified recipients after death to benefit the community.	
Date: _____	
Signature: _____	

KEEP THE DONOR CARD WITH YOU ALWAYS & LET YOUR RELATIVES KNOW YOUR WISHES

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Organ Donation

The gift of life.



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Rapid advancement in the field of medical science has helped both patients & Doctors in treatment and reducing the suffering of patients. Autoimmune medicines, drugs to prevent rejection, fluids to preserve organs, surgical equipment and better storage facilities are some of the advancements which have made Organ Donation much easier and faster. Today most organs are being transplanted, like heart, eyes, kidneys, lungs, liver and pancreas. Tissues, bones, skin, veins, heart valves and cartilages are also being transplanted.

Laws have been enacted to help this & make life easier for the patients. Governments, Corporates and People are all getting together to further the cause of Organ Donation. Awareness is being created through media which goes a long way in spreading this message. We all need to get together and work towards this noble cause.

Donation of Organs

Due to lack of awareness people are unable to understand the basics. Anyone can be a Donor.

Organ Trafficking

This is illegal. Governments across the globe are tackling this issue. Organ buying and selling are prohibited by the Law.

Donor's wellbeing

Medical experts see to it that the Donor does not have any complication.

Religion and Organ Donation

Most religions are not against organ donation. In case of doubt, please consult your religious head / authority.

When to donate an Organ

Organ donations need to be done in their stipulated time frame. Kidneys should be removed within half an hour of the person's death whereas one can donate one's Eyes up to six hours after death. Also one can donate organs under other circumstances.

Organ Transplantation is better accepted in the west and there are more transplants done from the deceased. Awareness is very important. Driving Licenses in the west carry an option of being an organ donor.

Organ donation after Brain Death

Patients in whom brain death has occurred due to injury or disease like stroke, are kept alive by breathing machines in intensive care units of hospitals. With no chance of recovery, life support machines have to be withdrawn. In such cases, with the consent of the relatives, organs of such patients can be retrieved for transplant recipients.

Decide – Discuss - Act

Once you have made a decision to be an organ donor, please discuss and inform your family of your wishes. Sign donor card in presence of two witnesses and remember to carry it with you at all times. Donating organs after your death can give the gift of life to many.

***Organ Donation** - The gift of life.*