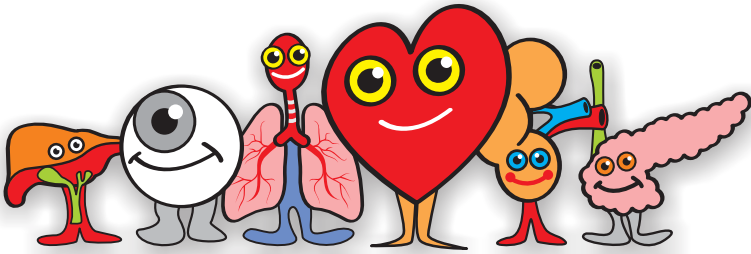


DONATE ORGANS, SAVE LIVES



Khalil Gibran, the celebrated poet, artist and writer, once said, “You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give”. This quote could well personify the principle behind organ donation. The concept of organ donation holds special value in a country like India, where the culture of giving is celebrated in each festival, be it Diwali, Eid or Christmas.

Organ and tissue donation is the process of retrieving organs and tissues from a deceased person and transplanting them into others in order to save or enhance the lives of those in need. A pair of eyes, a pair of kidneys, a pair of lungs, heart, pancreas and liver could be harvested from a brain dead person- 9 persons could have a fresh lease of life.

Shatayu is a non profit organization – a public service initiative by Govindbhai C. Patel Foundation which is supported by Ganesh Housing Corporation Limited. It was evolved with the two fold objectives of increasing awareness about organ donation in India, and broadening the mindset of people towards the gift of life.

'Shatayu' is derived from the age old blessing from Indian scriptures, 'Shatayu Bhava' which means 'live until you are 100'. For us at Shatayu, every human is blessed, and we want to give everyone a chance to live until they are hundred, and beyond. If not in their own life, then through the lives of others.

When patients are handicapped on account of ailments such as heart, liver or kidney failure, its not just their personal life and self esteem that suffer, its also their families and loved ones. We, at Shatayu, want to try to ease the pain of as many of these lives as we can touch through our organ donation initiative. Join us in our endeavor to spread the message- your support could grant someone a new life and inspire many others to join the movement. Let's look at LIFE beyond death.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is organ donation?

Organ donation is the harvesting of an individual's organs after he or she dies for the purpose of transplanting them into another person. The person who gives the organs is called a donor while a person who receives the organ is called a recipient.

Who can be a donor?

Anyone from a child to an old person can be a donor. Even if you had a serious illness in the past, you can still become a donor under the right circumstances.

Which organs can be donated?

Vital organs like heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, pancreas and intestines can be donated in case of brain stem death of a person. The organs of a brain dead person maintained by an artificial support system (ventilator). While certain tissues like corneas, heart valves, bones, skin, ligaments/tendons and veins can also be donated.

Can people buy and sell organs?

The 'Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994' prohibits any commercial dealings in organs and makes it a punishable offence.

What is brain death?

Brain death is an irreversible condition, which results from a severe injury to the brain. All areas of brain are damaged and no longer function, due to which a person cannot sustain his/her own life, but vital body functions may be maintained by an artificial support system. This maintains circulation to vital organs long enough to facilitate organ donation. People who experience brain death can also donate tissues.

What is cardiac death?

Cardiac death results when the heart and breathing cease to function. All organs and tissues in the body suffer from lack of oxygen, circulation and die. People who experience cardiac death are able to donate tissues after death.

What is the difference between brain death and coma?

Coma is a state of deep unconsciousness that occurs because the brain is injured in some way. The brain still functions and this can be seen in the tests that are performed. The person will be able to breathe on his own without the respirator. The brain can heal in state of coma. While brain death is an irreversible condition which results from a severe brain injury or hemorrhage which causes all the brain activity to stop. This can happen after a major road accident or bleeding in the brain due to stroke.

When must organs be removed?

Organs must be removed as soon as possible after the determination of brain death, while circulation is being maintained artificially. Eyes (corneas) can be donated within six hours of death. Tissues may be removed within 12 to 24 hours after death.

Can a living person donate his/her organs?

Yes. A living person can donate one of his/her kidneys, a part of liver, a part of pancreas only to his/her blood relatives according to the THO Act, 1994 (Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994).

Will organ donation leave my body disfigured and affect my funeral arrangements?

No. The recovery of organs is carried out by well trained surgeons with greatest care and does not disfigure the body or its looks. Furthermore, donation does not alter or delay funeral arrangements.

Are there any religious objections to organ donation?

Most of the religious groups support the concept of organ donation. However, if you have any doubt, you can discuss it with your spiritual leader.

Will my family be charged if my organs are donated? Are there any costs for donation?

No. Donation costs nothing to the donor's family or estate. Organ and tissue donation is a gift. The family of a donor does not pay any charges for organ donation.

How can I become a donor?

Once you decide to be an organ and tissue donor you need to register with SHATAYU as an organ donor. Carry your donor card along with you at all times. And most importantly, communicate with your family your wish to become an organ donor.

Can I later withdraw or revoke my consent to become an organ donor?

Yes. You can change the decision and withdraw your consent to be an organ donor. You need to deregister from SHATAYU's organ donor registry. Also, inform your family that you no longer wish to be an organ donor.

ORGAN DONORS PER MILLION - AROUND THE WORLD



IF THE INDIAN POPULATION IS MADE AWARE OF ORGAN DONATION, IT CAN SAVE MORE LIVES THAN ANY OTHER NATION

QUICK ORGAN DONATION FACTS

NUMBER OF BLIND PEOPLE IN INDIA - 1,50,00,000
ANNUAL NUMBER OF EYE DONATIONS - 18,000



ANNUAL NEED OF KIDNEY DONORS IN INDIA

40% PEOPLE IN INDIA SUFFER FROM KIDNEY DISORDERS

ANNUAL NUMBER OF CADAVER DONATIONS: USA >6000 INDIA <100

*information collected from various news sources and surveys

1 DONOR CAN DONATE 6 ORGANS AND SAVE UPTO 9 LIVES



DID YOU KNOW

You could help up to 50 people if you decide to donate your organs and tissues.

Your Heart could beat for someone else.

Your Lungs could breathe for someone else.

Your Kidneys could free two people from dialysis.

Your Liver could save the life of a person awaiting transplantation.

Your Corneas could give sight to two people.

Your Bones could help repair other people's damaged joints.

Your Skin could help heal many burn victims.

TRANSPLANT HOSPITALS IN GUJARAT

Ahmedabad:

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Dr. H.L. Trivedi Institute of Transplantation Sciences.
Apollo Hospitals International Limited. | Sterling Hospital | SAL Hospital
Jivraj Mehta Samarak Health Foundation | Shalby Hospital | Rajasthan
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