

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Malaysia has among the highest number of patients requiring dialysis per capita in the world and approximately half of them are eligible for kidney transplant.
- Deceased organ donation rates in Malaysia is about 0.7 donors per million population (pmp.), compared to 4.5 pmp. in Saudi Arabia, 4.0 pmp. in Qatar and 2.9 pmp. in Iran.
- A person who donates all their organs and tissues can help to save up to 8 lives.
- The youngest deceased tissue donor in Malaysia was only 25 days old.
- The elderly can also pledge as an organ and tissue donor.
- Organ donation in Malaysia began in the early 1970s. Sadly, until now the number of deceased organ donors remains less than 500.
- Heart or lung transplant must be done immediately within 4-6 hours after a heart or lung is retrieved from a deceased donor.
- Organs and tissues can only be donated after consent is given from the donor's next of kin or family members.

Register now and become  
an organ donor pledger

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to help others..



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### 1. Organ Donation & Transplant

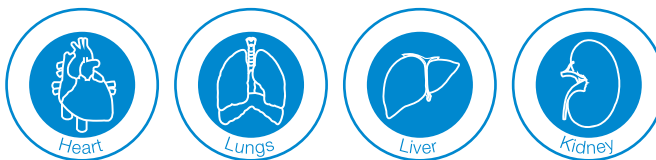
- Organ donation is the process of donating a person's organs and tissues to be transplanted into someone who, in many cases, is very ill or dying.
- Organ transplant (or transplantation) is a medical procedure for the treatment of patients with end-stage organ failure. It is proven to save lives and significantly improves quality of life.

### 2. Organs And Tissues That Can Be Donated In Malaysia

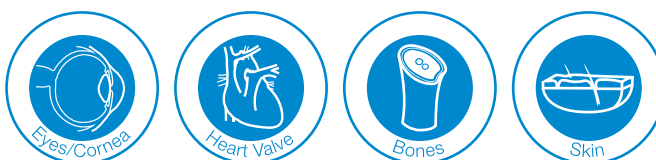
- A person can only donate part of their liver or one of their kidneys while still alive (living donation).
- Deceased organ donation is encouraged as there are no risks to the donor compared to living donation.

Organs and tissues that can be donated in Malaysia:-

#### Organs



#### Tissues



### 3. Organ Donation and Brain Death

- There are two types of death - brain death and cardiac death. Most people die a cardiac death, when their heart stops beating and they stop breathing.
- Brain death occurs when the brain is so badly damaged that it stops functioning permanently, usually as a result of severe bleeding and swelling caused by head injury, stroke, infection, tumours or lack of oxygen.
- Brain death is different from normal coma. Someone who is brain dead has lost the ability to breathe and is kept on a machine (ventilator).
- Brain death is certified by two specialists who are independent of transplantation.
- The scientific community and National Fatwa Council has endorsed that brain death is death.
- A person who is brain dead can donate all their organs and tissues, whereas someone who has cardiac death can donate their tissues only.

### 4. Religious View

Donation after death is permissible in Islam. Other religions in Malaysia, such as Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism encourage organ donation as a noble deed.

### REGISTER NOW AND BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR PLEDGER

#### IMPORTANT:

Inform your family about your wish to become organ and tissue donor.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS :

Will organs and tissues donation disfigure the donor's body?

No. Organs and tissues donation will not cause any physical disfigurement. Even an open casket funeral is still possible.

Will organs and tissues be taken during autopsy (post-mortem) without the next of kin or family's permission?

No. No organs or tissues will be removed without the consent of the next of kin or family. Organ donation is different from autopsy (post-mortem) and is usually done in the operating theatre.

Does Islam permit organ donation?

Yes. Most countries including Malaysia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Pakistan and Singapore allow Muslims to pledge and donate their organs.

Will hospital treatment be affected if they know you are an organ donor pledger?

Absolutely not. The medical staff will do their utmost to treat a patient regardless whether the patient is a pledger or not.

Will all the organs be removed from an organ donor pledger after they have died?

No. Organs and tissues that will only be considered for donation are as follows:  
i. only organs & tissues that have been consented by the next of kin or family;  
ii. only organs & tissues that are in good condition and still functioning;  
iii. only if there is a suitable transplant recipient.

Can someone donate if they pass away at home?

Yes. They can still donate, but only their eyes or corneas. The donation will be done at their home.