

QUICK FACTS ON ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANT IN BC



DID YOU KNOW?

Any British Columbian can register their decision regardless of:

- Age
- Sexual orientation
- Medical history
- Religion

Not sure if you've registered?
Verify online at transplant.bc.ca

You only need to register your decision once.

A decal on your driver's licence or care card is no longer enough. Register to be a donor at transplant.bc.ca

One organ donor can save up to 8 lives.

You are more likely to need a transplant than you are to become an organ donor.

Donation is considered only after all life-saving efforts are made and it's certain you will not survive.

Two doctors, not involved in transplant, must declare your death before organ donation can proceed.

Living kidney donors live a normal healthy life with one kidney.

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

638
British Columbians on the wait list for a transplant

29
British Columbians died while on the transplant wait list

479
transplants performed

121
deceased donors in BC

24.9
BC's donors per million rate for deceased donation (up from 2016 rate of 20.3)

95
British Columbians who were living kidney donors

19.6
BC's donors per million rate for living donation (national average in 2016 was 19.9)

7,673
transplants performed in British Columbia since 1968

95%
of British Columbians support organ donation

1,200,869
British Columbians have registered their decision on organ donation

2 MINUTES
the time it takes to register your decision on organ donation online at transplant.bc.ca

1%
less than one percent of British Columbians die in a way that would enable them to become an organ donor

3
number of transplant centres in BC – BC Children's Hospital; St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital

8
number of regional clinics that provide care to patients post-transplant – Prince George, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Trail, Fraser Regional (Surrey), Victoria, and Nanaimo

LIVE LIFE. PASS IT ON.



Register to be an organ donor at: transplant.bc.ca

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1-800-663-6189
or 604-877-2240

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS LIVING DONATION?

The Organ Donor Registry is for deceased donation. Living donation is an act of altruism that reduces the wait time for patients in need of a life-saving kidney. Living kidney donors can be siblings, parents, children, relatives, or even a friend or co-worker. For more information on the program, please visit our website.

“As a living organ donor, I gave someone a second chance at life.”

Mantej, kidney donor

“We are forever grateful to the organ donor family that gave us our family.”

Elaine and Aaron, parents of Addison, heart recipient

CAN I DONATE MY BODY TO SCIENCE AS WELL?

Not if you choose organ donation. If you prefer to donate your body to science contact: UBC Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences, at: anatomy@interchg.ubc.ca or call (604) 822-2578.

CAN MY FAMILY OVERRIDE MY DECISION?

Donation happens at a time of tragedy. At that time the transplant team will ask the family if they are aware of any change in their loved one's decision, and will honour their wishes. In our experience, when a family sees a copy of the signed registration form it provides relief and comfort and helps them to move forward in fulfilling their loved one's wishes.

“We see families who during times of incredible tragedy are faced with a decision about organ donation. When we are able to show them that their loved one was registered, it makes such a difference, as they know they are following through with their loved one's wishes.”

Organ Donation Specialist, BC Transplant

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BC Transplant, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), provides oversight for all aspects of organ donation and transplantation throughout BC. For more information visit www.transplant.bc.ca