

# 2021 Donation & Transplant Highlights

**529** <sup>\*</sup>

people received a transplant in 2021.



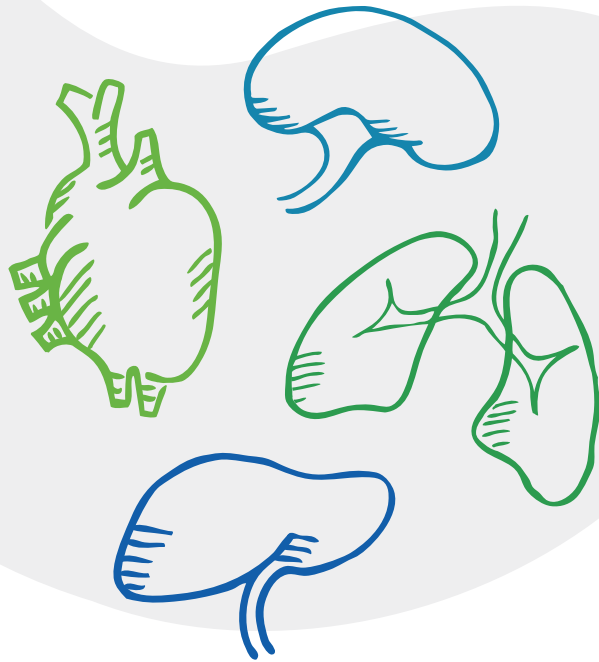
Thanks to the gifts of life from:

**150** <sup>\*</sup>

deceased donors.

**75**

living kidney donors.



**22**

heart transplants

**340**

kidney transplants <sup>\*</sup>

**66**

lung transplants <sup>\*</sup>

**97**

liver transplants <sup>\*</sup>

**4**

pancreas & multi-organ transplants

Hospitals referred potential donors

**775 times** <sup>\*</sup>

**5,721**

transplant recipients receiving care in BC

**1.57 million**

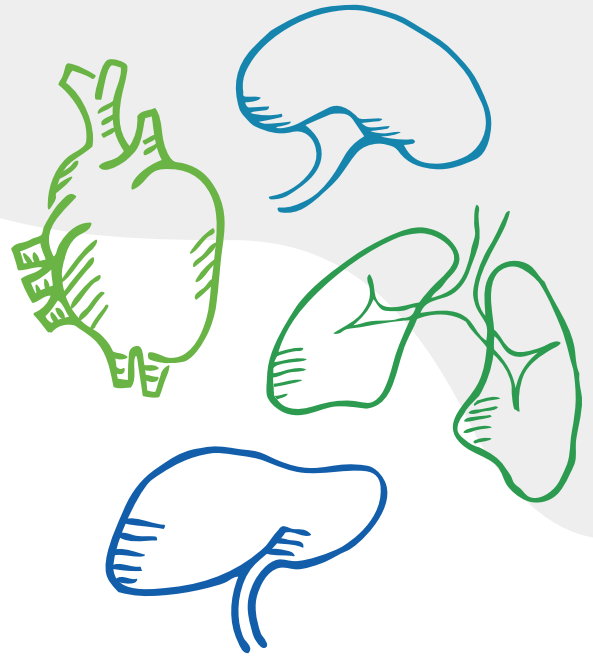
British Columbians have registered their organ donation decision

<sup>\*</sup> **Record** \*Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2021

In another extraordinary year, healthcare teams across BC still put organ donation and transplant front and centre, supporting a record number of organ donors and transplant recipients.



Register as an organ donor at  
**transplant.bc.ca**



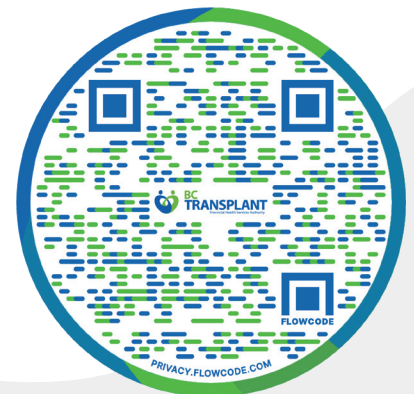
# Facts on organ donation and transplant in BC.

## Did you know?

- 1** Your registration in BC Transplant's Organ Donor Registry is an official record of your decision on organ donation. **If you aren't registered, your family will decide for you.**
- 2** You are **more likely** to need a transplant than you are to be an organ donor.
- 3** One organ donor can save up to **eight lives**.
- 4** Only about **1-2% of deaths** in hospital occur in a way that allows for organs to be donated.
- 5** **To become an organ donor**, a person must be in a hospital Intensive Care Unit and be on a ventilator.
- 6** Donation is considered **only after all life-saving efforts** are made and it's certain a person will not survive.
- 7** **Two doctors**, not involved in transplant, must declare death before organ donation can proceed.
- 8** You may still be able to donate if you **have a medical condition**. Register your decision and the specialists will determine if you can.
- 9** There is **no age limit** to register for organ donation. The oldest organ donor in Canada was 92 years old!
- 10** **Anyone can register their decision**. If you are under 19 years old, your parents have to sign.
- 11** You **only need to register once**.
- 12** Once you've registered your decision, take the time to **talk to your loved ones** about your wishes.
- 13** Not sure if you've registered? **Verify online at [transplant.bc.ca](https://transplant.bc.ca)** with your Personal Health Number.

“The fact that I can tell people that my son Daniel had signed his organ donation card and gave the gift of life to four people fills me with pride. Signing an organ donation card is the ultimate act of kindness.”

**Jill Martens, mom of an organ donor**



## #TakeTwoMinutes and save a life

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