

Learning More about Organ Donation



What Is Organ Donation?

Organ donation occurs through the consent of an individual or guardian of an individual and is the process of their own organ being removed and transplanted into another person.

Understanding how the organ donation process works does not have to be complicated or overwhelming. Watch this video entitled "[Organ Donation and Transplantation: How Does it Work?](#)"

Curious about the myths versus facts behind organ donation? Visit [UNOS](#) to learn more.

For additional information and educational resources, visit the following:

- Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (<https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>)
- United Network for Organ Sharing (<https://unos.org/>)
- Organdonor.gov

Organ Donation Statistics at a Glance (organdonor.gov)

- More than 106,000 men, women, and children are on the national transplant waiting list.
- About 39,000 transplants were performed in 2020.
- About seventeen people pass away each day waiting for an organ donation.
- Only three in every thousand people die in a way that allows for organ donation.
- Every nine minutes, another person is added to the transplant waiting list.
- One donor can save eight lives.

How Can I Become A Donor?

To sign up to become an organ donor and to learn more, check out the resources below:

- <https://www.organdonor.gov/register.html>
- <https://unos.org/register-to-be-an-organ-donor/>
- <https://www.donatelife.net/>