

Saving Lives

Organ and Tissue Donation

The Need:

- The national waiting list for organ transplants continues to rise with more than **118,000** people currently on the list.
- **59.3 percent** of Ohioans are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.
- In Ohio, more than **3,100** people, **577** from Greater Cincinnati are waiting for an organ transplant and many more in need of tissue transplants for an improved quality of life.
- More than **1,400** Indiana residents are waiting for an organ, eye or tissue transplant. While over **1,000** Kentucky residents are wait for a life-saving transplant.
- **22** times a day in the U.S. a man, woman or child dies waiting for an organ transplant.
- In 2016,
 - **65** individuals from Greater Cincinnati shared the Gift of Life through organ donation
 - **451** individuals from Greater Cincinnati were able to improve the quality of life through the Gift of tissue donation.
 - **33,595 organ** transplants were performed in the U.S.
 - **321** transplants were performed at Cincinnati's 3 prestigious transplant centers in 2016, **84** were from living donors;
- Each year nearly one million Americans receive a donated tissue transplant.
- One tissue donor can save and heal the lives of more than **50** people
 - Tissue: Bone, corneas, heart valves, corneas, veins and vessels, tendons/ligaments, skin and fascia
- **A single donor potentially can save the lives of eight people and enhance the lives of up to 50 more** by donating vital organs - heart, two lungs, two kidneys, liver, pancreas and small bowel

Register to be an Organ and Tissue Donor:

Save and Change Lives - Here's How:

- At the BMV when renewing or receiving a license or State Identification card
- On-line at www.lifepassiton.org . Allows registrants to restrict donation of specific organs or tissues and/or limit uses.
- Mail-in form to BMV. Also allows registrants to restrict donation of specific organs or tissues and/or limit uses.

Barriers to Donation

- Education / Information
- Common Myths and Misconceptions
 - #1: “They Won’t Work To Save My Life at the Hospital if I have Organ Donor on My License.”
 - I am too old
 - I have a pre-existing medical condition
 - It’s against my religion.
 - My family wants to have an open casket funeral
 - It will cost my family money.

Donation Terminology:

Appropriate:

- Recover
- “Deceased” donor
- Mechanical support
- Donor
- Organ and tissue donation
- Donated organs and tissues

Inappropriate:

- Harvest/Procure
- “Cadaver” donor
- Life support
- Donator
- Organ Doning
- Donated body parts

**Statistics on waiting list and number of transplant provided by Unos.org as of January 2017.*

For More Information visit www.lifepassiton.org