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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What is the age limit of organ donation?

A There is not a set age limit for a donor. The potential to donate is determined at the time of a person's death.

Q Can only completely healthy people donate?

A The possibility of donation is always determined at death, however, there have been many cases in which people with serious health risks and/or problems have been able to donate.

Q Is there a national donor registry?

A At this time there is not a nationally recognized donor registry, the registries are mainly run out of state programs or organizations such as a person's driver's license. Anyone can also fill out and carry an organ donor card with their wishes stated.

Q What if no one can find my donor card or driver's license?

A It is vitally important that if a person wishes to donate they make their wishes known to anyone close to them as in most situations a hospital will refer to family members or next of kin for an immediate decision.

Q In the case of possible donation at the time of an accident, how do the Doctors determine when they should go into surgery?

A A person is legally considered dead at "brain death", that is to say they are completely incapable of any life sustaining brain function i.e., breathing and heart rate. It is important to state that brain death should not be confused with a coma or a persistent vegetative state where in some situations a person can sustain their life independently.

Q Will my family be charged for my decision to donate?

A There should be no cost to anyone regarding a person's decision to donate, the donation organizations work closely with hospitals and funeral directors to prevent this.

Q Will my decision to donate affect my family's wishes for my funeral?

A In some rare instances there is a slight delay in receiving the body after the decision to donate, but there is very rarely a problem in the case of a funeral including open caskets

Q I heard that if the Doctors know you are an organ donor, they would not work as hard to save your life in an accident, is this true?

A This is absolutely false. No one in the medical field has anything to gain by allowing a patient to die for their organs or tissues. More often than not, the family is consulted for the possibility of donation since the victim's personal affects are usually returned to the family only after the death.

DATA, RESOURCES, HOTLINES, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA CONTACTS

Donate Life – Coalition on donation

700 North 4th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
804-782-4920
www.donatelife.net

Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation

125 May Street
Edison, NJ 08837
732-661-0202
www.mtf.org

NATCO – The organization for transplant professionals

PO Box 15384
Lenexa, KS 66285
913-492-3600
www.natco1.org

Gift of Life Donor Programs

401 North 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
800-366-6771
www.donors1.org

Organtransplants.org

360-221-4001
Organ Donor Card Online
http://www.organtransplants.org/donor/donor-card_en.pdf

UNOS – United Network for Organ Sharing

PO Box 2484
Richmond, VA 23218
804-782-4800
www.unos.org

United States Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20201
202-619-0257
Toll free 877-696-6775
www.hhs.gov

COTA – Childrens Organ Transplant Association

2501 Cota Drive
Bloomington, IN 47403
800-366-2682
www.cota.org

Online Resources and Hepatitis Video

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www.healthybodyhealthymind.com

