

WHY?

Common Questions About Organ & Tissue Donation

Who can become an organ & tissue donor?

Anyone can decide to be a donor. A person's physical condition, not his or her age, determines the potential for organ and tissue donation and is evaluated on a case by case basis at the time of death. Visit your local Motor Vehicle Agency and ask for the donor designation to be added to your driver license or ID card and let your family know you support organ donation. Or visit www.donatelifenj.org to register anytime.

What organs can be donated?

Currently, someone may be able to donate his or her heart, kidney, liver, lungs, pancreas, and small intestine depending on their age, medical condition and circumstances at the time of death. Many patients who are organ donors may also be candidates for tissue donation.

Is there an age limit for donation?

There is no age limit for donation. NJ Sharing Network has successfully recovered organs from donors as young as a few days to adults in their 90s. A patient's medical history is more important than the age of the donor. If a patient has a normally functioning organ and is in good health, then organ donation is an option.

How are donated organs allocated?

They are allocated on the following criteria: match with donor, medical emergency and time on waiting list. A patient's age, gender, race, ethnicity or wealth do not affect who receives available organs.

Will my own medical care be compromised if the hospital is aware that I have an organ donor designation on my license?

The decision to be an organ donor will in no way affect the level of medical care for a sick or injured person. The team of doctors and nurses involved in treating the patient is not involved with the transplant/recovery team, which is only called after death has occurred.

How to Register Online to Become an Organ and Tissue Donor

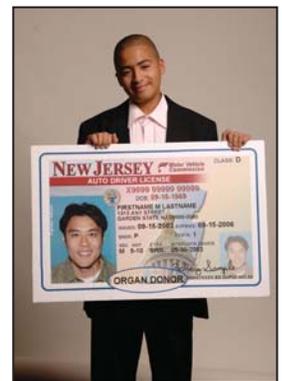
Please visit www.donatelifenj.org and click on **"Become a Donor"**

Complete the demographic information form and hit submit or click, "No thanks, take me to the online registry". This brings you to the secure **NJ MVC Donate Life registration page**.

IMPORTANT AT THIS POINT - Do NOT provide any information.

Click on the **USER ID NUMBER REQUEST** link to begin registration. Go to "User Authentication" and enter your credentials: zip code, driver license number and social security number and click "continue".

Click on box to register online and click submit. Click on the circle to donate organs and click "continue". Review this page and click submit. Print the organ donor confirmation page for your records.



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