

● Get Your Dot. Save a Life.

FAQ

Why should I consider organ donation?

Nearly 100,000 Americans are currently waiting for an organ transplant and 18 people on that list die every day. You could reach up to 50 people with a single donation.

Who can be an organ donor?

Anyone can be a donor. There are no age limits or requirements. Even those with pre-existing medical conditions can donate. Actual eligibility will be determined when the time comes, but everyone is encouraged to become a donor.

What organs and tissues can I donate?

Kidney	Heart
Liver	Lung
Pancreas	Intestines
Cornea	Skin
Bone	Bone Marrow
Connective Tissue	

If I become a donor, will my family have to pay for the medical costs of donation?

No. The donor's family does not pay for, or receive payment for the donation or costs associated with the donation.

Will becoming an organ donor affect the quality of my medical care?

No. The medical personnel providing emergency or end of life care are not involved in organ donation and most likely won't even know that you are a donor. The organ donation team is a separate group of professionals who are only involved when brain death occurs. At that point, all medical interventions and options have already been exhausted.

Will my religious beliefs interfere with my wish to be a donor?

Widely known religions including Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism fully support organ donation and consider it an act of charity. If you have concerns, speak with your faith leader about your church's position on organ donation.

Will organ donation disfigure my body?

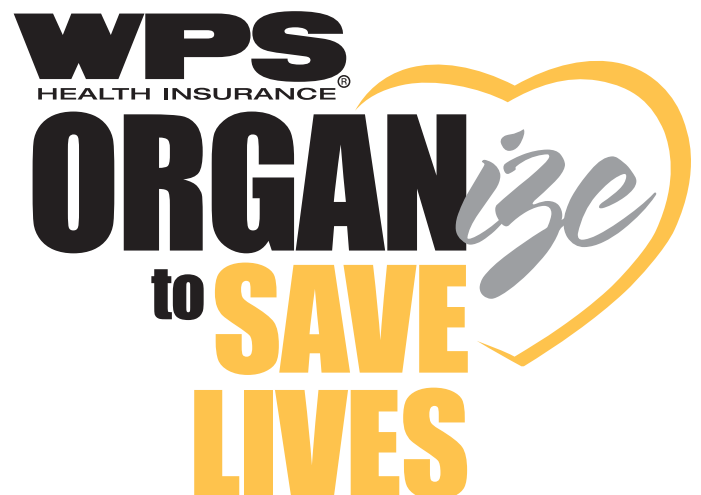
No. Organ donation will not change the appearance of your body and will not interfere with having an open casket funeral service.

How can I become an organ donor?

You should start by signing a Uniform Donor Card and indicate your wish to donate on your driver's license. But even more importantly, you must talk with your family about your desire to become a donor. Ultimately, your next-of-kin must give consent before your organs can be donated and 35% of potential donors never become donors because their families refuse consent.

Why is WPS spearheading the ORGANize to Save Lives campaign?

As one of the state's largest health insurers, WPS has been on the forefront of organ and tissue donation awareness for many years. We've witnessed the life-saving impact of organ donation with our own employees and with the hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites we insure. We've also seen the shortcomings – namely the lives lost due to the shortage of available organs. We've been a part of this community for over 60 years and we believe this is one small way to ensure the continued health of our friends and neighbors here in Wisconsin.



Sources:
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