

Center For Donation & Transplant Fact Sheet

Introduction

The Center For Donation & Transplant (CDT) is an organ procurement organization serving 43 hospitals in 30 counties of northern and eastern New York and western Vermont. The center coordinates the procurement and equitable distribution of organs and tissues in accordance with United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) standards.

CDT is the primary source of information about donation in the areas it serves and is dedicated to increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation through public education and community outreach activities. The center also ensures the option of donation is provided to families in a compassionate and informative manner, provides long-term support for families and health care professionals involved in the donation process, and educates the medical community on organ and tissue donation.

Facts on Organ Donation

- Currently, there are over 100,000 people on the UNOS wait list for an organ transplant. Over 9,500 New Yorkers are included on that list.
- Every 14 minutes, a new name is added to the UNOS waiting list.
- An average of 18 Americans dies every day due to a lack of transplantable organs.
- One donor can help save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people.
- Donated organs can include heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and intestine. Donated tissues can include skin, eyes, bone, veins, cartilage, heart valves and tendons.
- Donors can range in age from newborns to over 90 years old.
- The most important step in deciding to be a donor is to share your wishes with your family.
- To enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry call (800) 256-7811 or click here to download a registry form.

For more information, please call: 518-262-5606