Recycle Yourself

Save lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation!

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Registers donors & educates the public about donation. We work with…

Organ, eye, and tissue recovery professionals

Transplant Centers

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Do you have a "D" or a ♥ on your license?

After I die, I wish to donate

organs**, **eyes,** and/or **tissues

*to **save** someone's life,*

restore someone's vision,

and/or restore someone's

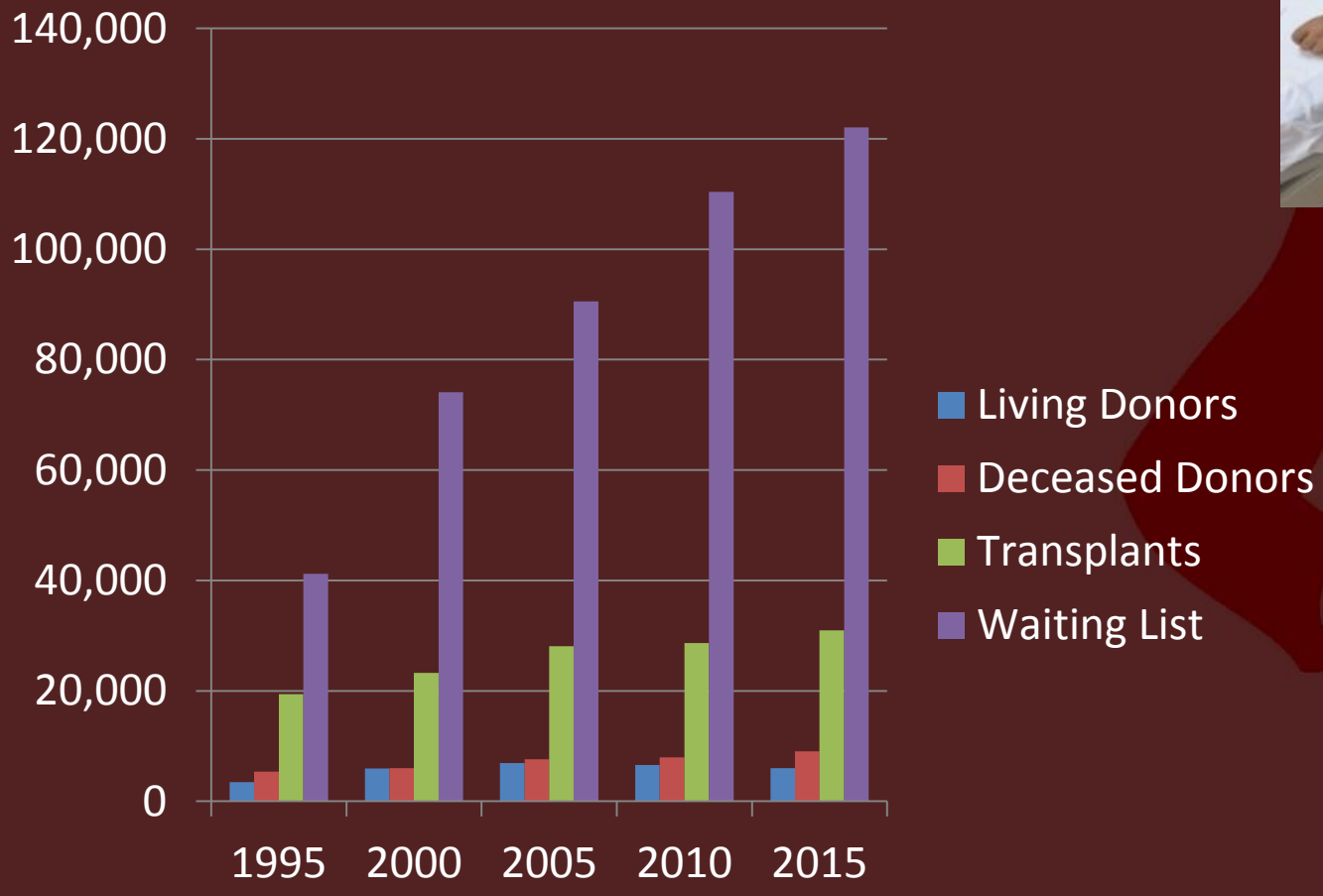
mobility.

Why *Don't* People Register?

Fears, Myths, and Misinformation

- Hollywood and TV
- Concern over medical care
- Religious beliefs about donation
- Don't think they are eligible
- Don't want to think about death
- Don't know how to sign up

The Need for Organ Donors



Every **10 minutes**, someone is added to the waiting list.

On average, **20 people** die each day while waiting for a transplant.

80% of everyone waiting needs

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Americans are increasingly at risk for conditions which eventually lead to kidney failure:

- Type II Diabetes*
- High Blood Pressure*

Hispanic, African, Asian, and Native Americans are 3x more likely than Caucasians to suffer these conditions.

** Can be prevented or delayed by staying at a healthy weight, eating well and getting exercise.*

What is it like waiting?

The Waiting List

Alysia's Story

1. Doctors refer sick patient to a transplant center.
2. A committee of doctors, surgeons, and hospital staff decide whether a patient is a candidate for transplant.
3. A transplant candidate is added to the national waiting list.
4. People stay on the national waiting list for days, months, or even years.

Local Heroes

2.6 million Oregonians are registered donors

≈ 36,000 Oregonians died in 2018

1,779 cornea donors = 1,588 cornea transplants

594 tissue donors = 63,962 tissue transplants

87 organ donors = 326 organ transplants

Organ Donation and Transplantation: How Does It Work?

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True or False:

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False. Not everyone who dies can donate organs, because they must pass away under very specific circumstances.

3 Criteria for Organ Donors

- Donor died in a hospital.
- Donor was placed on mechanical ventilator prior to death.
  - Blood and oxygen continue to flow through the vital organs.
- Severe trauma caused the brain to swell, resulting in brain death.
  - Electricity, blood and oxygen irreversibly cease to flow.

Next Steps

If someone **CAN** be an organ donor…

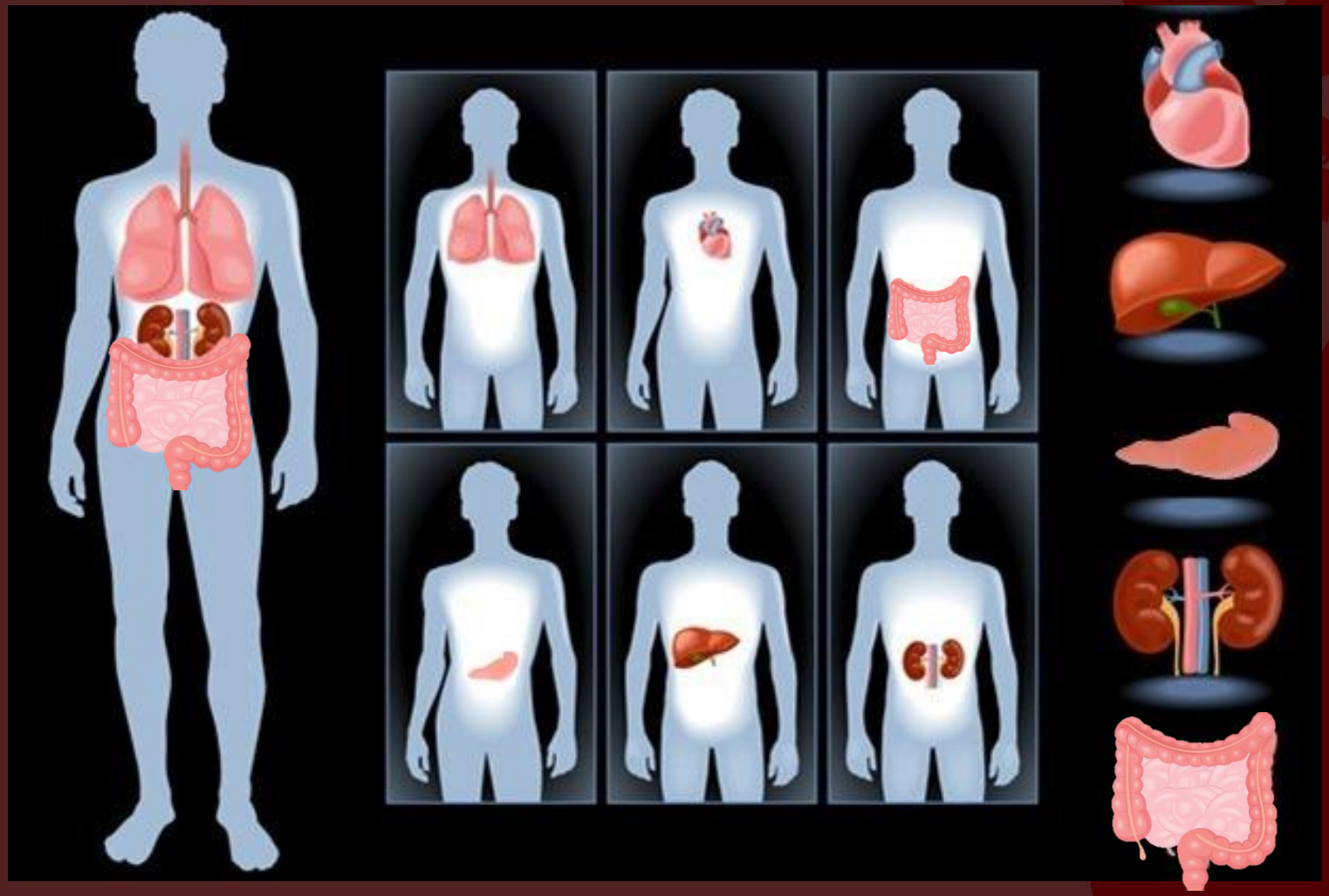
- A separate team comes in
- The registry is checked
- The family is approached
  - If under 18, the family will be asked to authorize donation
- TALK TO YOUR FAMILY TODAY!

Organ Recovery

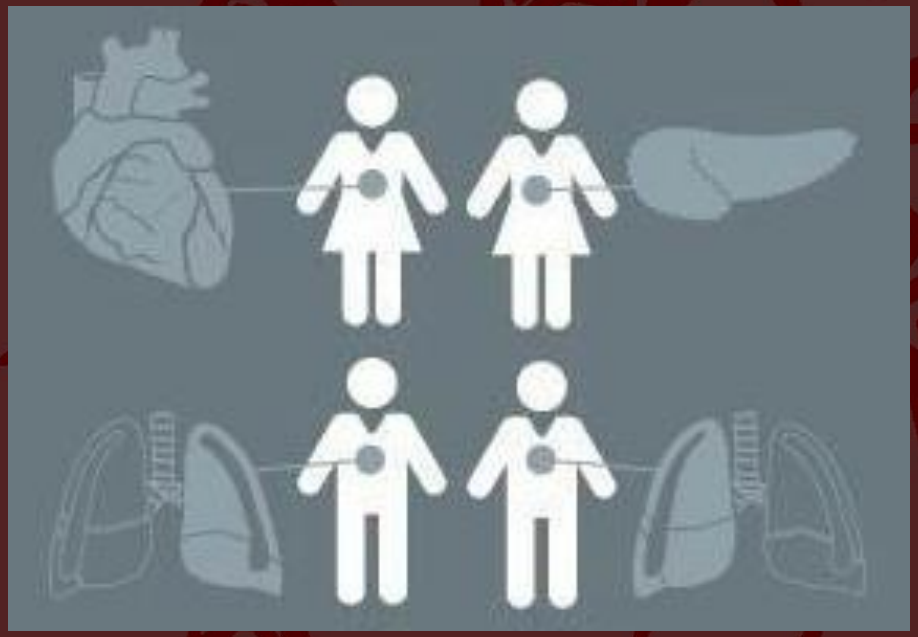
The recovery surgery takes place in an operating room, in the same sterile and careful way as in any surgery.

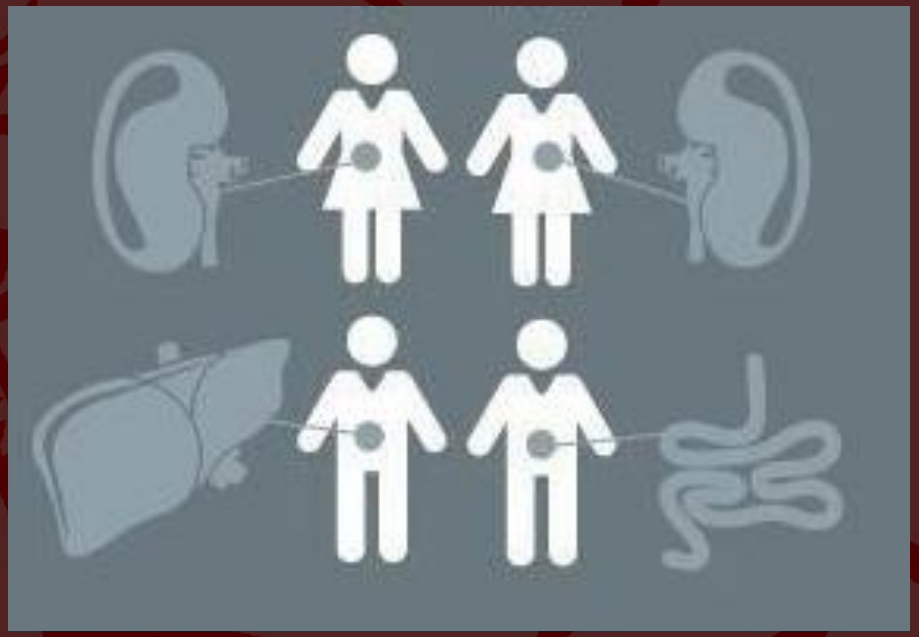
- There are no costs to the family for the donation process.
- Being an organ or tissue donor does not interfere with funeral arrangements.

Which Organs Can be Donated?



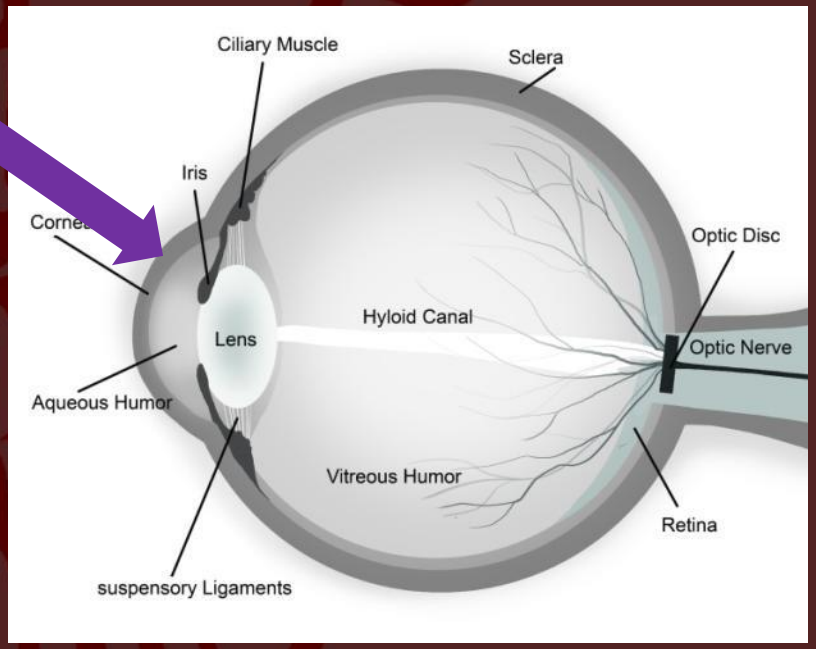
One organ donor





can save up to 8 lives

What is a Cornea?



[John's Story]

True or False:

Donated corneas can restore sight to the blind.

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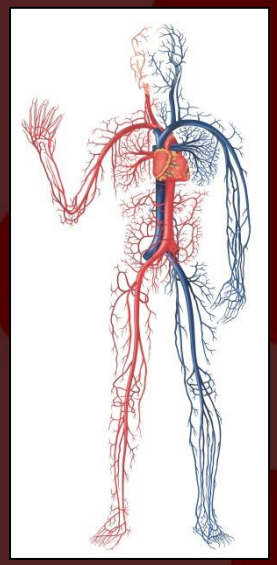
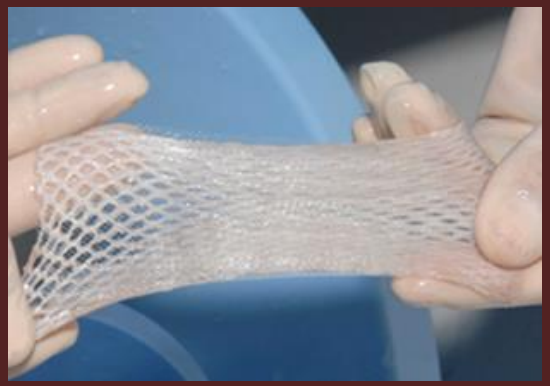
True. When the cornea is damaged due to injury, disease, infection or a hereditary condition, corneal transplant surgery may be an option.

Which tissues can be donated?



Jan's Story



One tissue and eye donor

can save or enhance over 125 lives

True or False:

Grandma and Grandpa can be donors.

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True. No one should rule themselves out due to age, health, or medical conditions! Additionally, the criteria required for *organ* donation do not apply to tissue and eye donation.

Life After Transplant

- Managing rejection
- Healthy lifestyle
- More LIFE

[Justice's Story]

What can you donate while living?

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- A kidney

  You can donate a kidney to save the life of anyone who matches your blood and tissue type – recipients don't have to be a blood relative!

  - Paired and chain donation
  - How safe is it for the donor?

- A portion of your liver

- Very small portion of lung called a lobe

- Blood and bone marrow

Living donation has nothing to do with *registering as a deceased donor*.

In the US, you must be at least 18 to consider living kidney donation.

Pop Quiz

1) How many people's lives can be saved or enhanced by tissue and/or cornea donation?

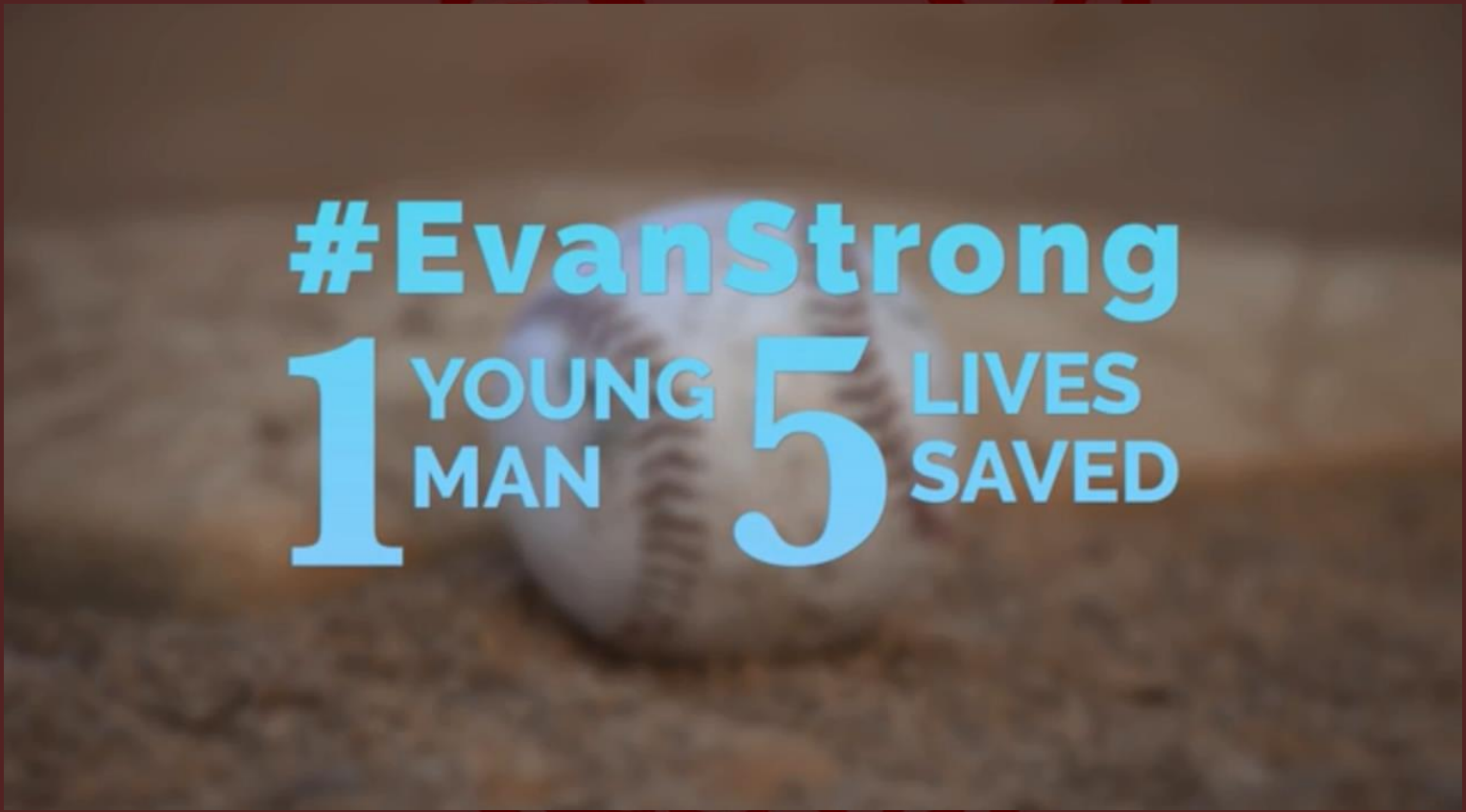
2) Do you know if your family members are registered donors?

3) What is one new thing you learned today?

What Can You Do Today?

- Eat right and exercise!
  - Especially if your background puts you at high risk for Type II Diabetes or High Blood Pressure!
- Register!
  - Online
  - Paper form
  - Say "YES" to donation at DMV
  - On iPhone Medical ID (at age 18)
- Talk to your family!
- Student projects!

Evan’s Story



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