



ORGAN
EYE & TISSUE
DONATION
SAVES
LIVES

Content Warning

Sensitive Topics (death, medical procedures and images)

May Prompt:

- Grief
- Memories of medical trauma/mistrust
- Fear
- Disgust
- Any Emotion!

We Encourage:

- Care for self/others
- Respect of feelings and opinions
- Reach out for support



Outreach &
Education



Organ Procurement

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Kidney Transplants



Heart Transplants



Kidney and liver
Transplants

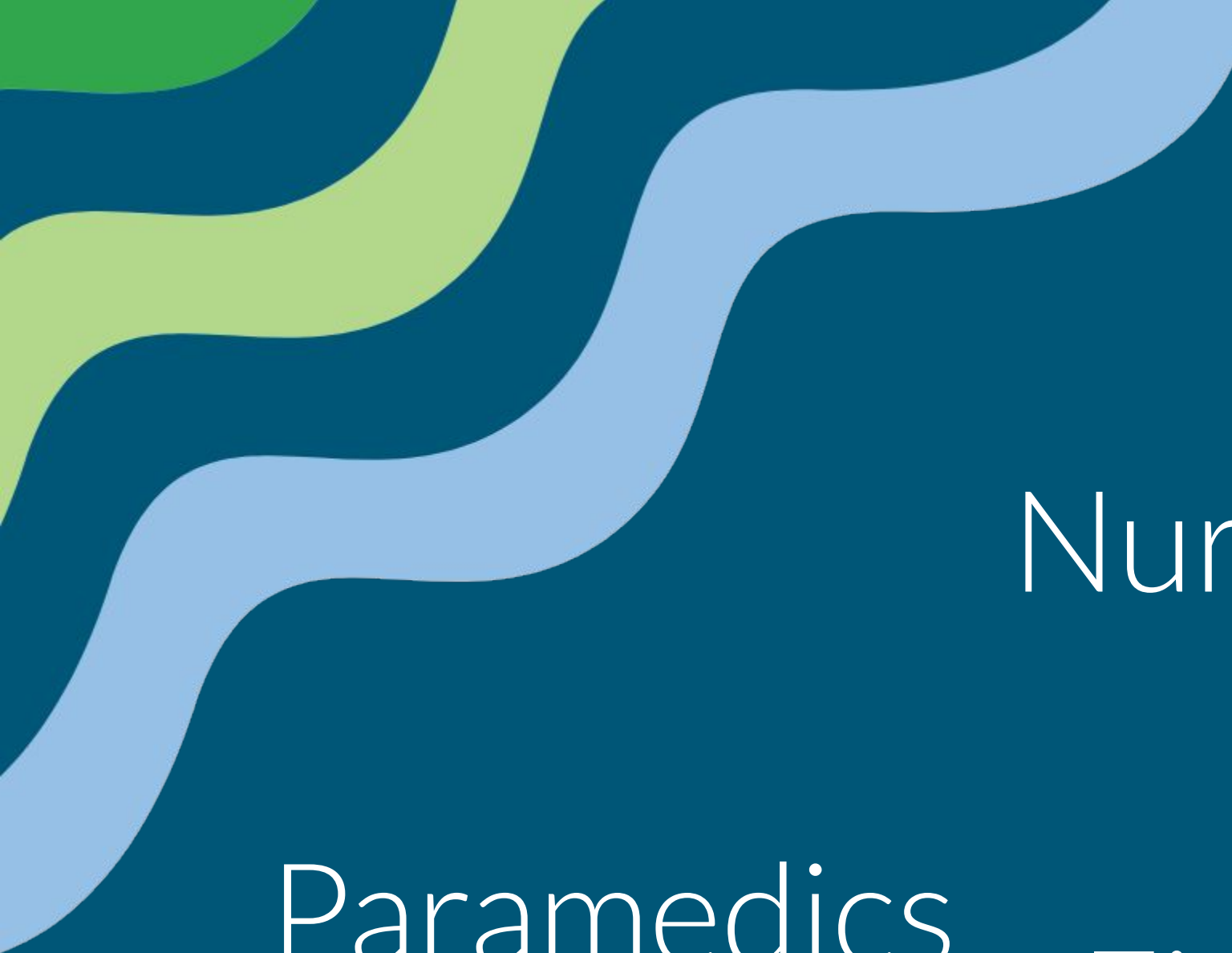


Kidney, liver, and heart
Transplants



Think about people
saving lives...

Who comes to
mind?



Some Ideas:

Nurses

Researchers

Paramedics

Firefighters

Lifeguards

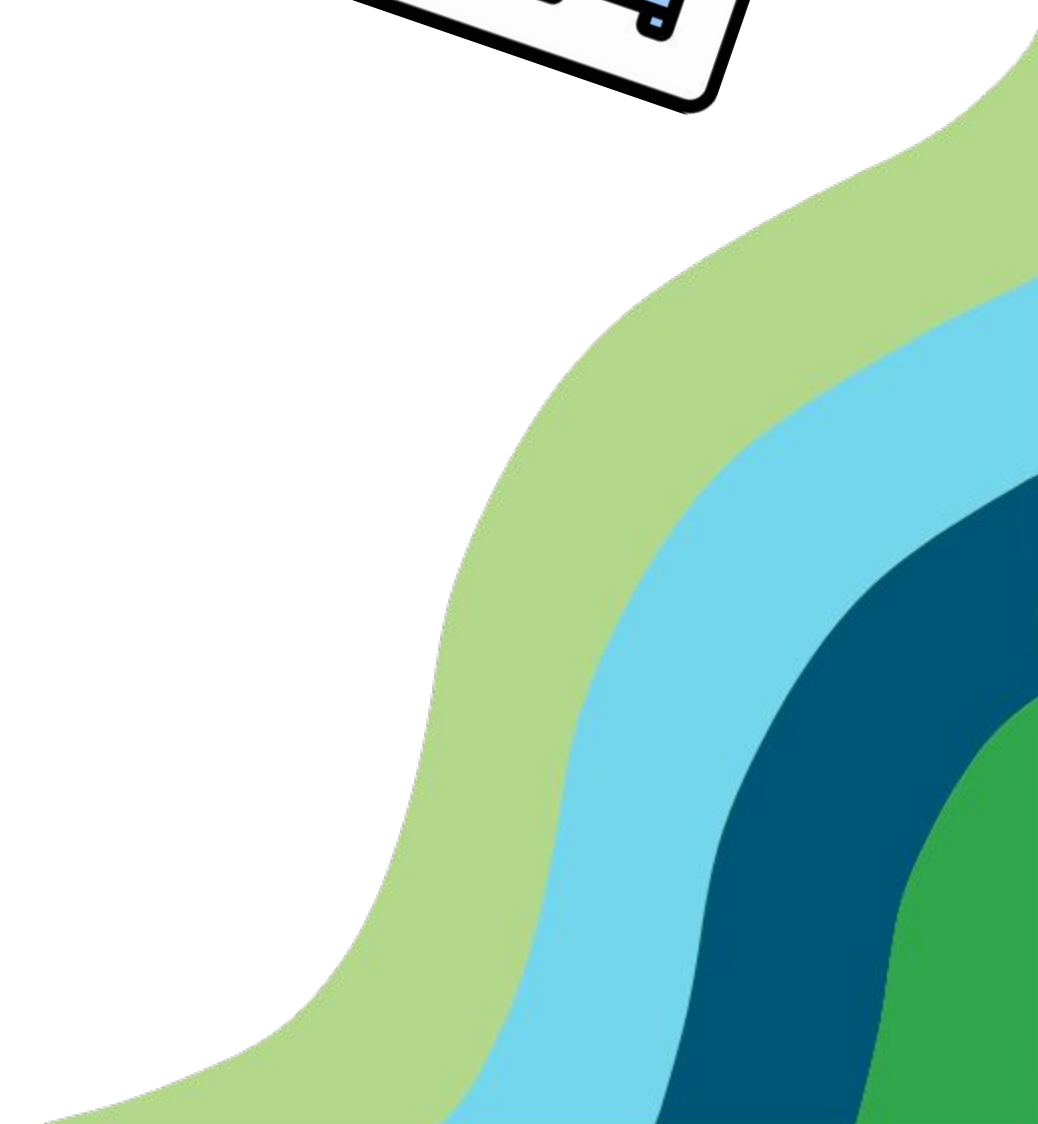
Scientists

And More! ➡



Why should
you care?

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Questions or
connections?

What is organ, eye, and
tissue donation?

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The opportunity to donate organs, corneas, and tissue after death to save or heal the lives of others.

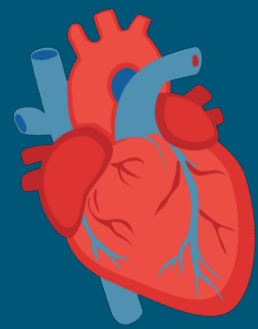
1 organ donor can save up to **8 lives**

1 eye/tissue donor can save or heal up to **125 lives**

How does one organ donor save up to 8 lives?

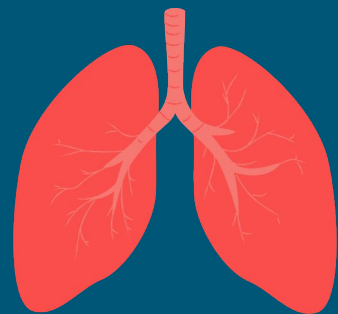
There are 6 recoverable organs for transplant.

Can you guess them?

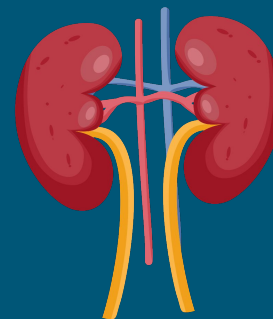


Heart

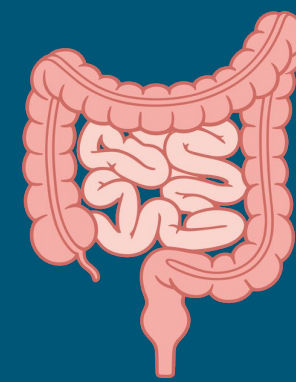
2 Lungs



2 Kidneys



Liver



Intestine

Pancreas



Let's Get Started!

Organ Donation:

It all begins with someone
needing an organ transplant...



Organ Failure

Organ failure occurs when one or more of a person's organs stop working properly.

Organ Failure

People may be...

- Very sick 
- Experiencing intense fatigue 
- On a strict diet 
- Housebound or bedbound 
- On dialysis 
- Needing a transplant to survive 

Organ Failure



National Transplant Waitlist
(UNOS)

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UNOS = United Network
for Organ Sharing

Match transplant candidates with organ
donors based on a number of factors....

National Transplant Waitlist



Matching Donors and Recipients



Factors Considered: NOT Considered:

- Blood type
- Body size
- How sick the patient is
- Tissue type
- Length of time on waitlist
- How close they are to the donor (location)

- Race/ethnicity
- Gender identity
- Income
- Celebrity
- Social status

Do you know Selena Gomez?



Selena received a kidney transplant in 2017

- Media focused on her quick kidney transplant
- Perception that she "jumped" the waitlist
- Reality: it was a direct donation from a living kidney donor

Zooming Out!

Big Picture: How many people does this affect?

Lives Affected

- People currently on waitlist:

Lives Affected

- People currently on waitlist: **109,000+**

109,000+

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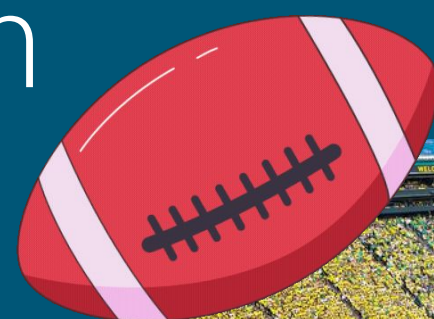
Has anybody
been to:



Reser Stadium



Autzen Stadium



Lives Affected

- People currently on waitlist: **108,000+**
- People dying each day waiting:

Lives Affected

- People currently on waitlist: **108,000+**
- People dying each day while waiting: **13**

13 people per day
die in the US because they run out
of time waiting for a transplant.



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- A new person is added to the waitlist:

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Every 8 minutes

Every 8 minutes

How many will be added during this class period? How many by the end of the day today?



This affects so many
people, and you have
the power to help!





How Someone Becomes a Donor





Transplant is not a
cure.

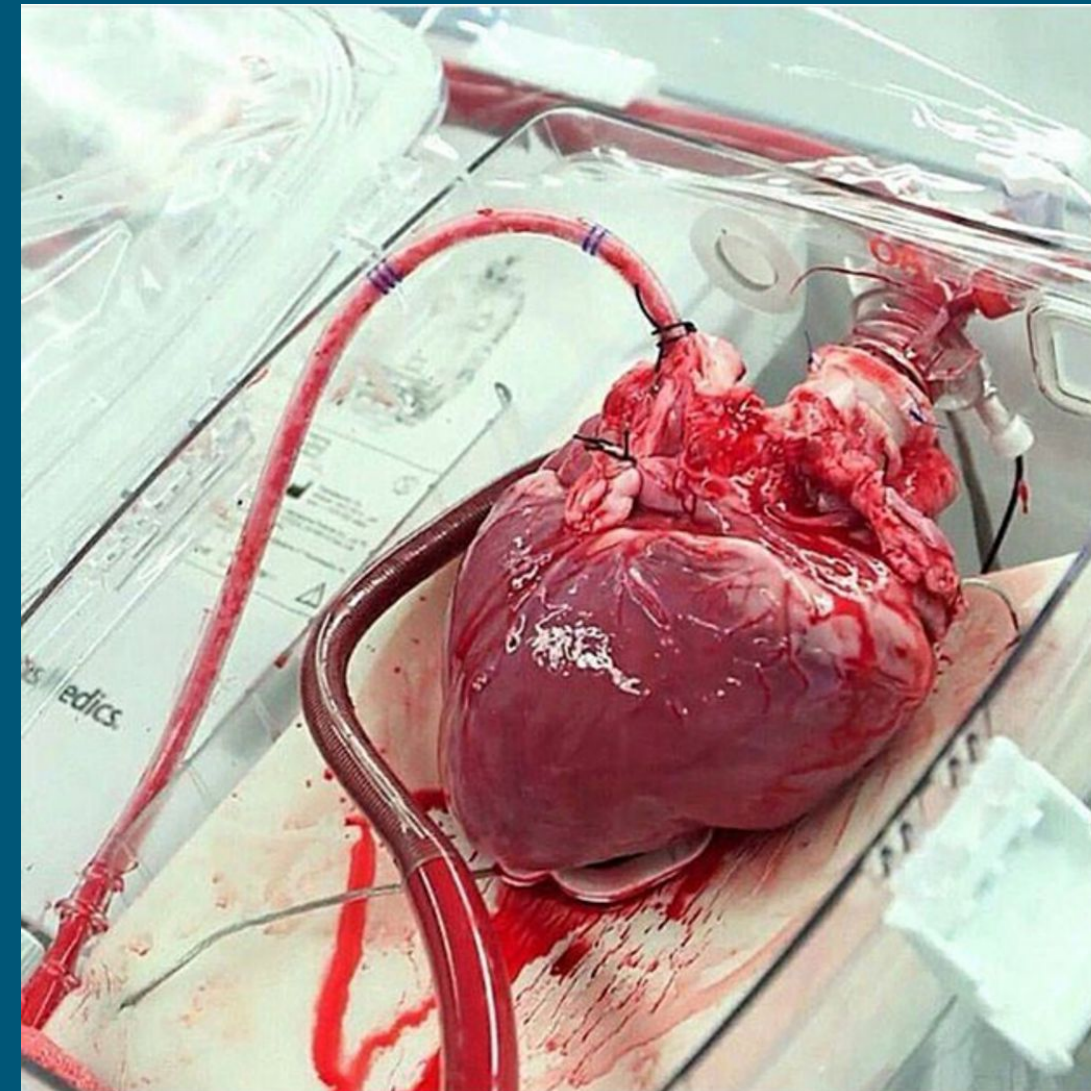
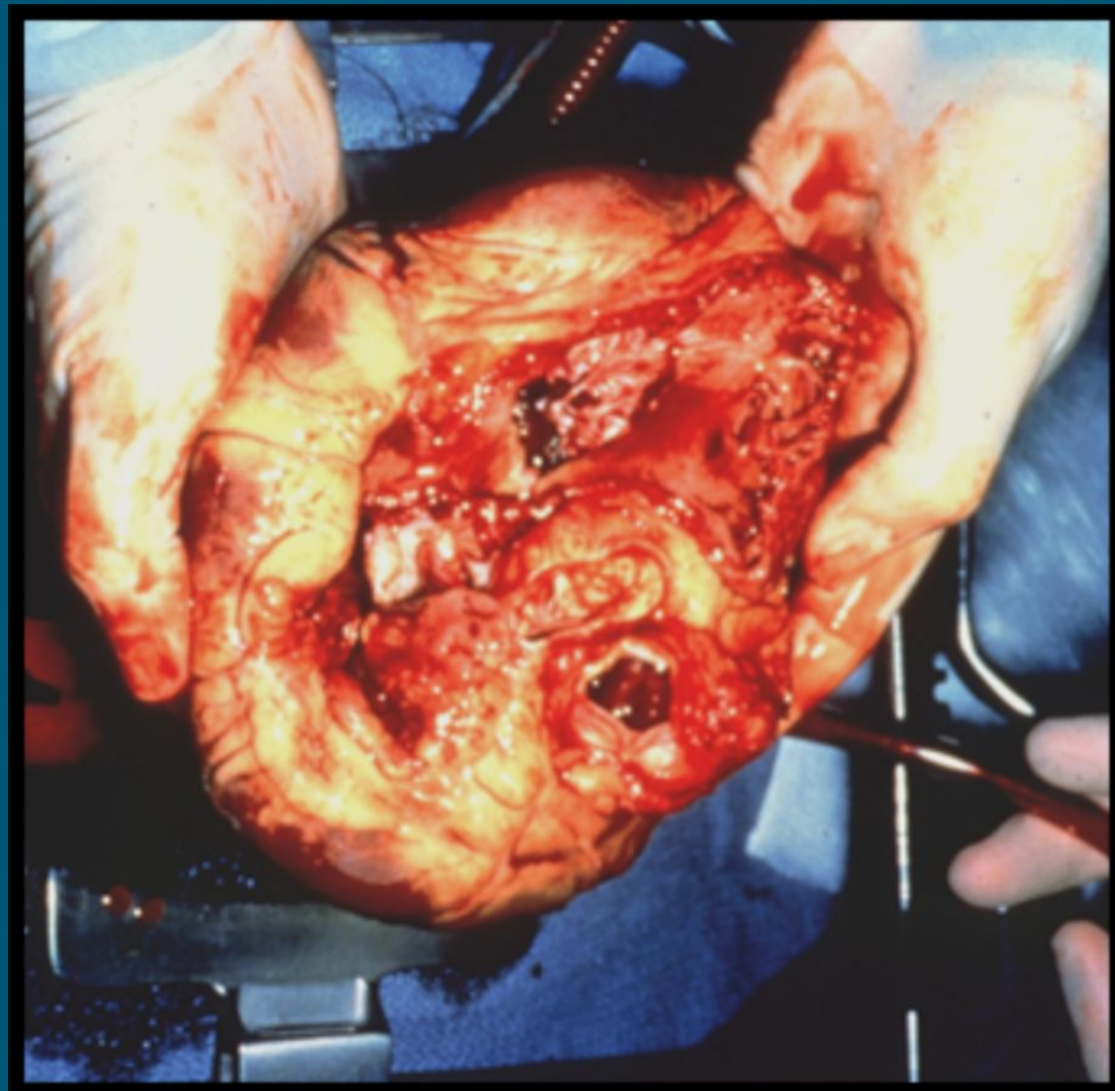
It is a treatment.



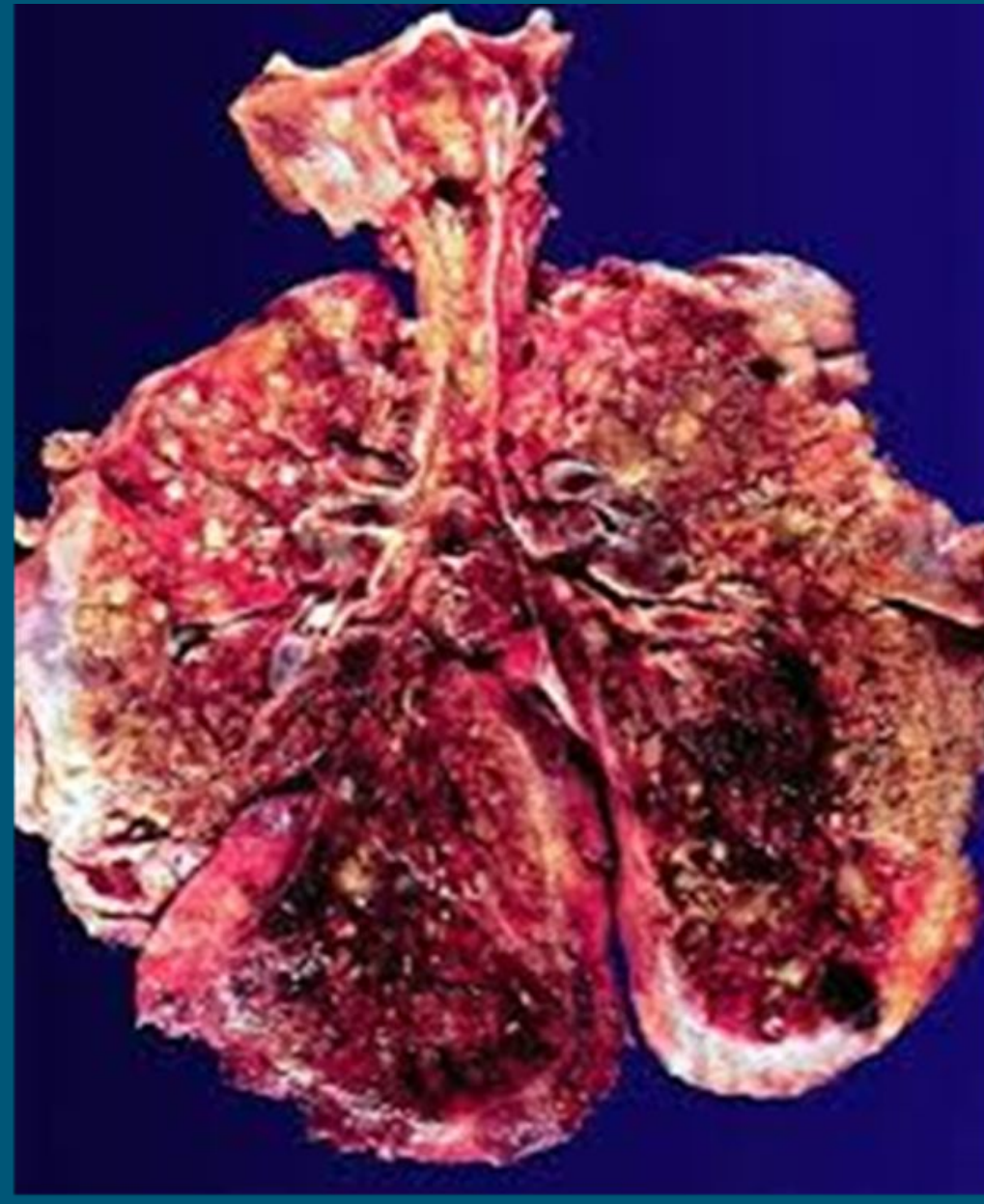
Name that Organ

The following slides contain graphic medical images of organs you do not have to look!

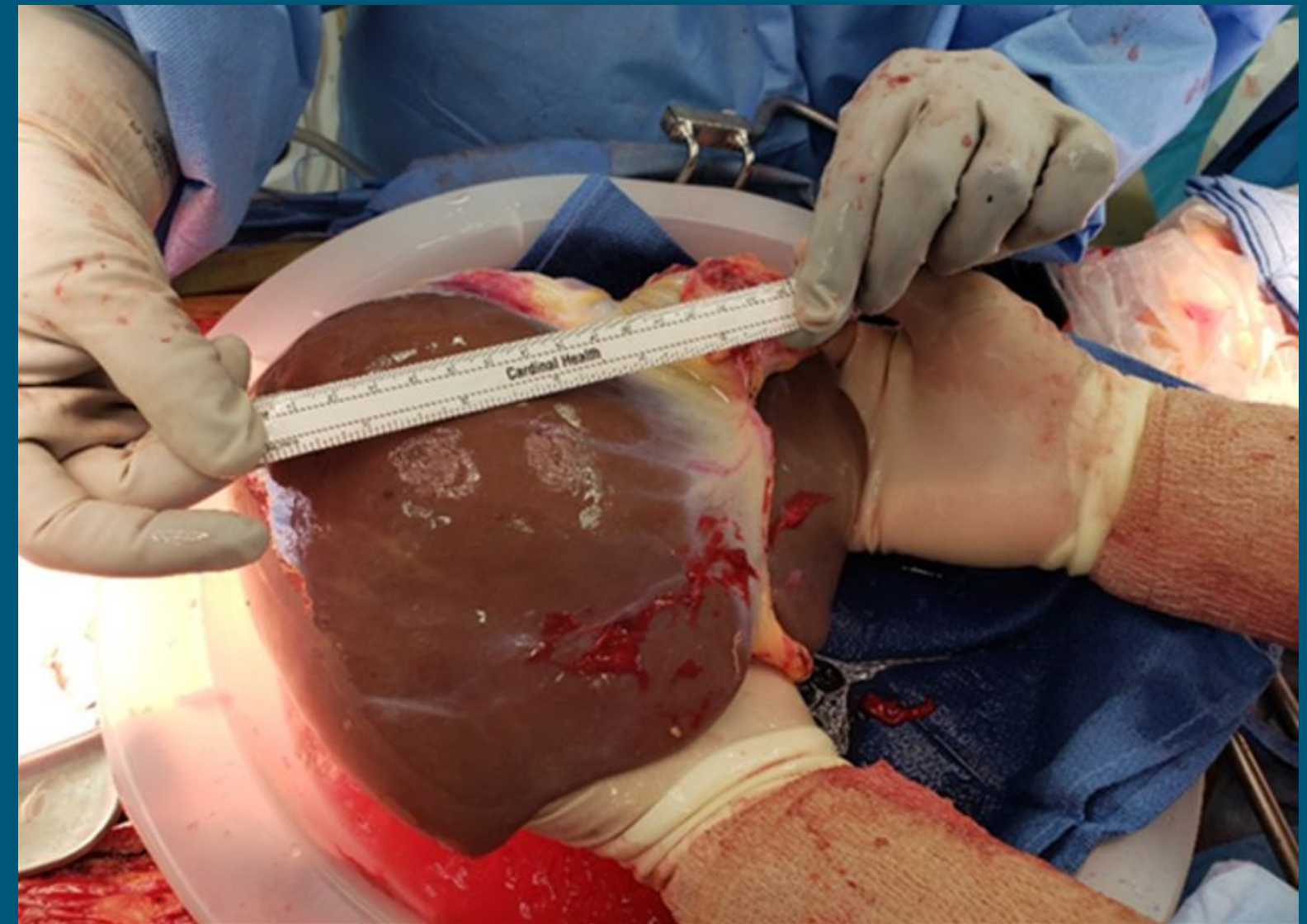
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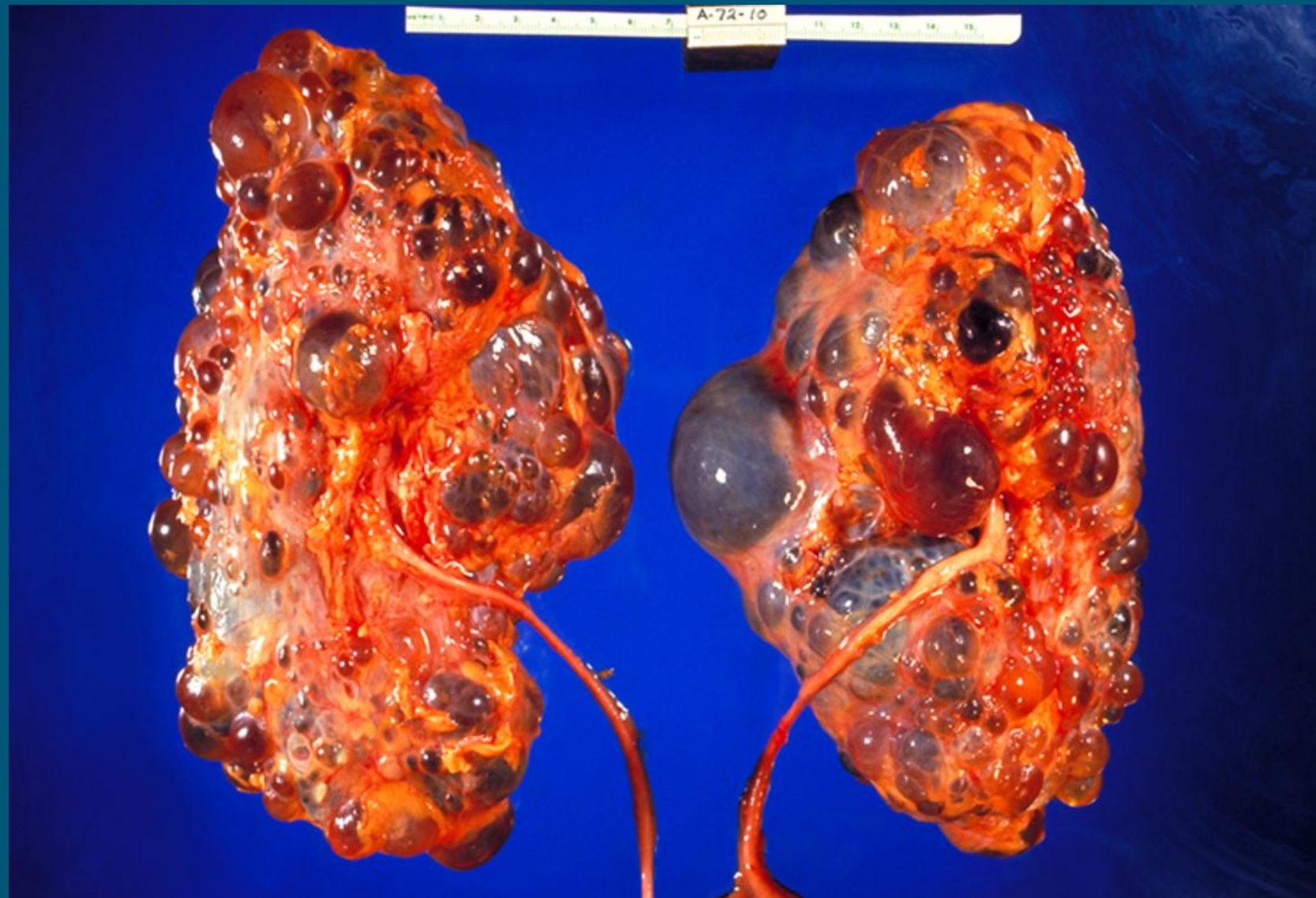
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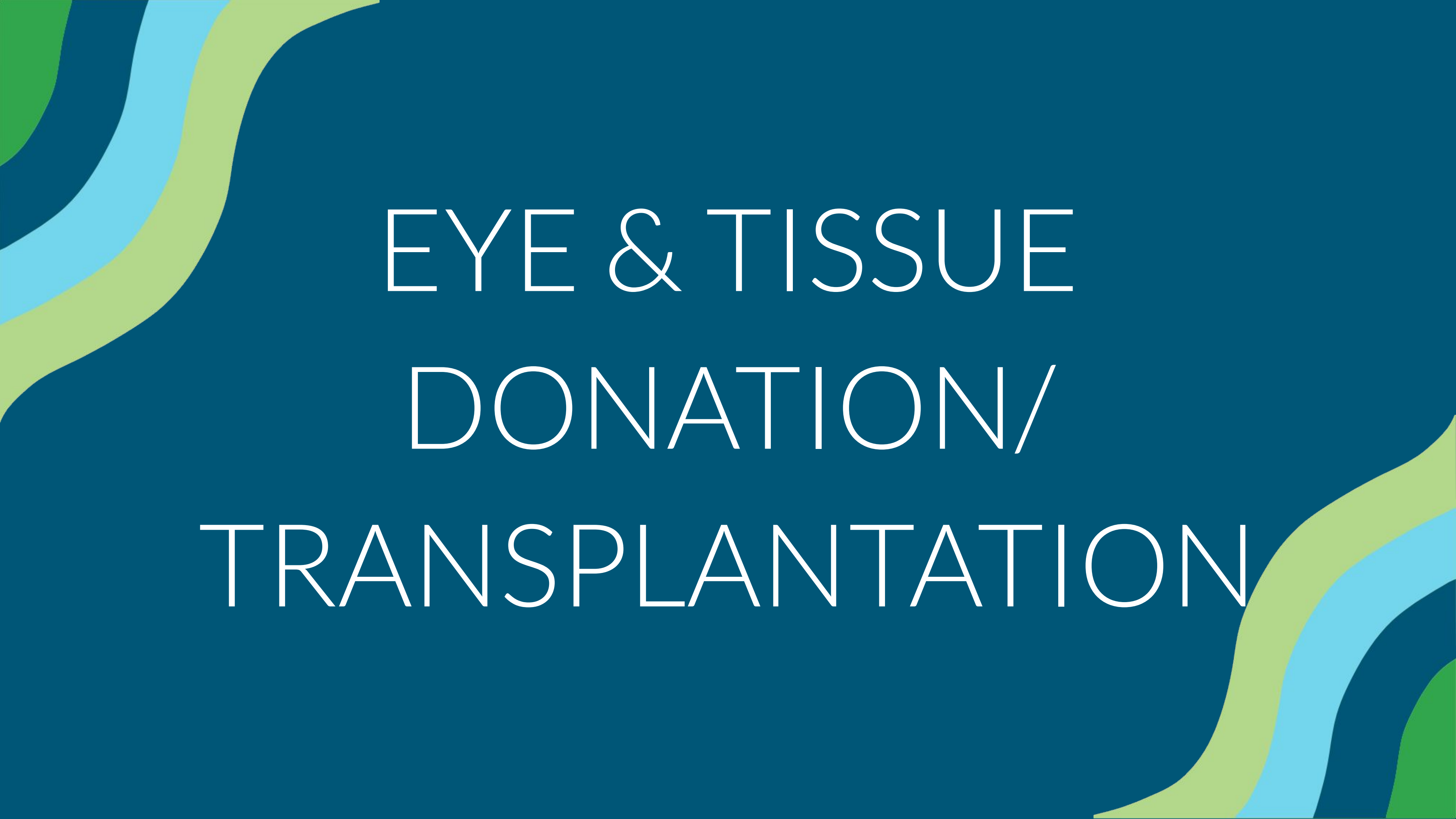


What organ is this?





ANY QUESTIONS?



EYE & TISSUE DONATION/ TRANSPLANTATION

ONE EYE/TISSUE DONOR CAN SAVE OR HEAL UP TO 125 LIVES!

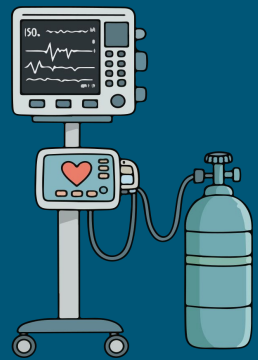
Why more lives than organ donation?



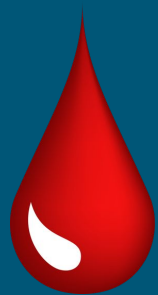
Organ Donation



Must pass away in a hospital



Be connected to a ventilator



Needs constant blood flow and oxygen



Limited to 6 transplantable organs

Eye/Tissue Donation



Can pass away outside of a hospital



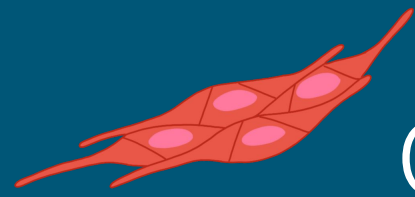
Does not need to be connected to a ventilator



Stays viable longer w/o blood and oxygen & can be stored



So much tissue possible to donate



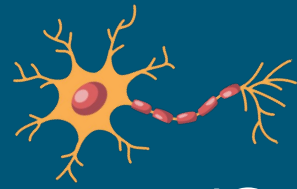
connective
tissue



cornea/sclera



skin



nerves



bone

WHAT EYE/TISSUE CAN I DONATE?

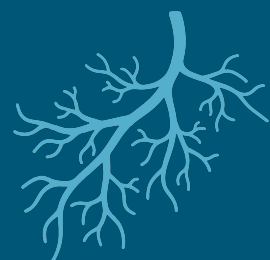
tendons



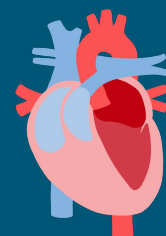
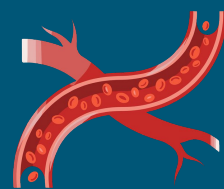
ligaments



cartilage



arteries/veins



heart valves



IMAGE WARNING

The following images are of a eyes and tissue.

You do not have to look.

THE IMPACT OF CORNEA DONATION

Before - cloudy, distorted,
blocked vision

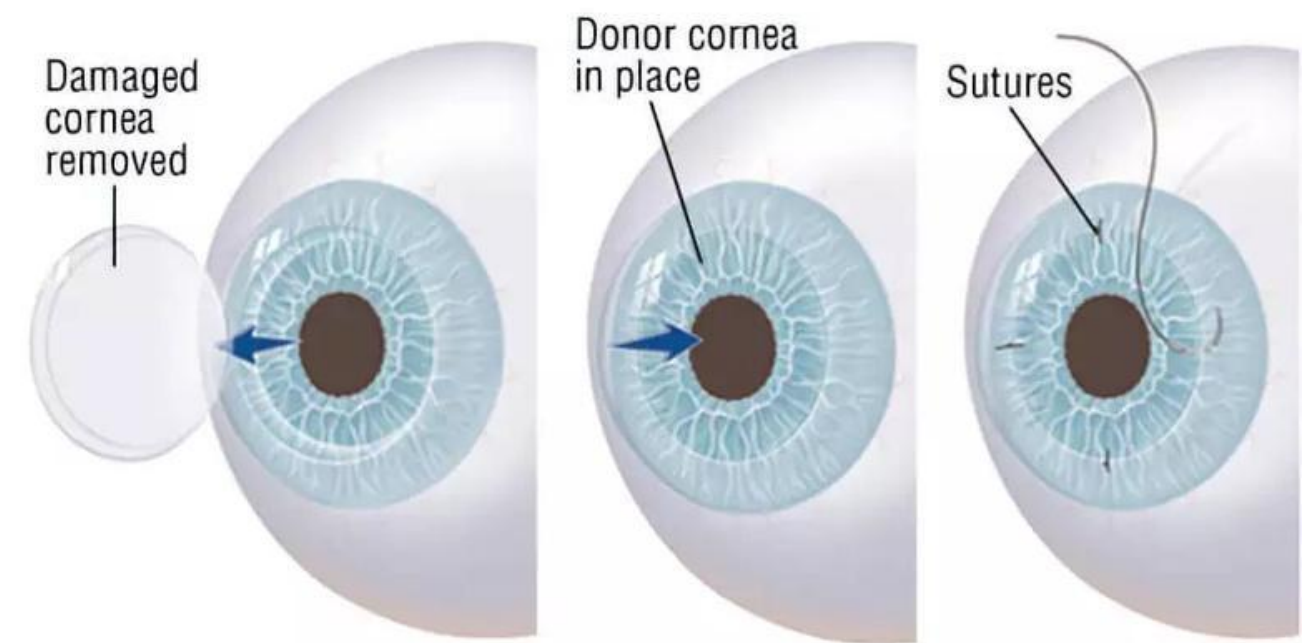


Eye
trauma/chemical
spill or burn

Keratoconus



After - restored sight



THE IMPACT OF SKIN GRAFTS



- Saves the lives of people with severe burns
- Graft placed over the wound
- Prevents infection, regulates body temperature, replaces/repairs lost skin

THE IMPACT OF TENDON & LIGAMENT REPAIRS

- Common: tearing an Achilles Tendon or ACL
- Athletes are susceptible, but can happen to anyone!
- Transplant may be the only option for a full recovery
- Restores mobility, eases pain, scaffolds healing



Tendons
(muscle-to-bone)

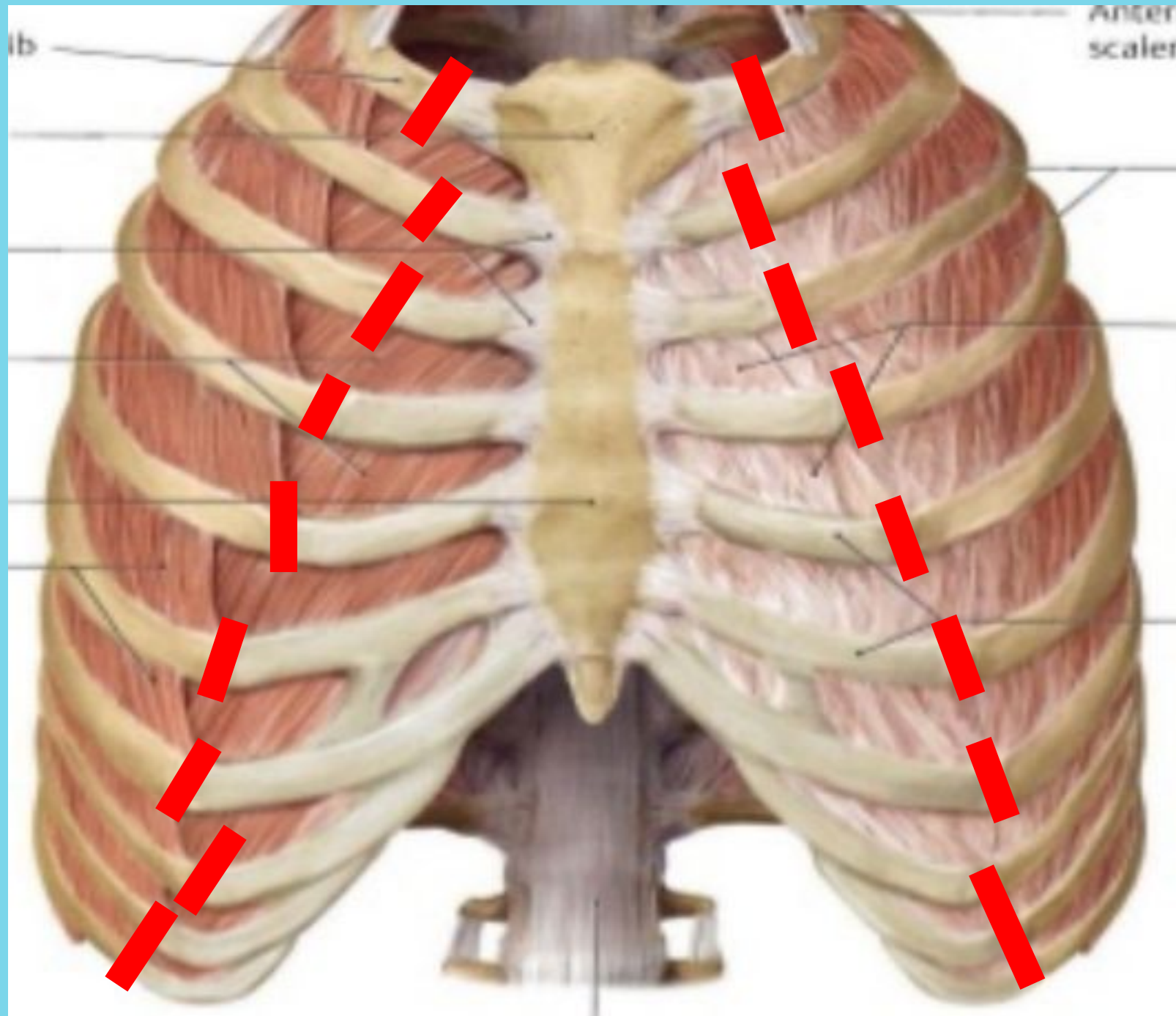


Ligaments
(bone-to-bone)



IMAGE WARNING

The following image of a tissue transplant has blood and stitches. You do not have to look.



Rib Cartilage → Outer Ear Structure

Signing Up

How to Register:

- DMV
- Online
- iPhone health app

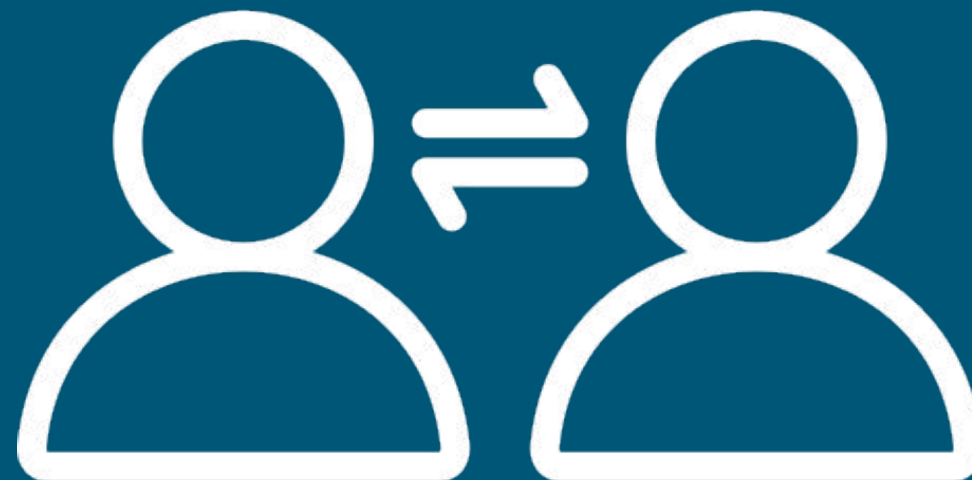


Signing Up

Have a conversation with your family



Regardless of
your decision



Advocate
for you, if
you can't

18+

Signing Up

Help those in your community!

Especially those from your same racial/ethnic background

Check out this video to learn more! →



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WHY PEOPLE SAY “NO” TO DONATION

Can you guess?

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WHY PEOPLE SAY “NO” TO DONATION

Compromised
medical care

Religious
beliefs

Inaccurate
tv/media
portrayal

Illegal organ
trade

Worry of
additional cost

Funeral
arrangements

Don't think they
are eligible



ANY QUESTIONS?

Living Donation



Do you know Jesse Eisenberg?

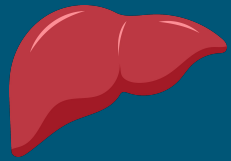
- Famous American actor (*The Social Network*, *Now You See Me*, *Batman V. Superman*, etc.)
- Extremely passionate about organ donation and giving back altruistically
- December 2025 - donated one of his kidneys to a stranger

What is Living Donation?

Donating an organ while you are still alive

1

A kidney, part of the liver, small portion of the lung called a lobe



2

Kidney donation is safe, common, and minimally invasive. Donors continue to lead healthy lives.

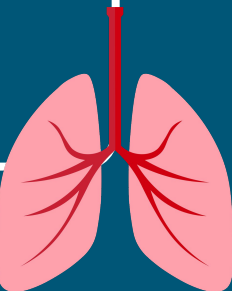


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Not the same as deceased organ donation, has nothing to do with the donor registry or registering at the DMV or online.

4

Generally must be at least 21 years old to participate.





DLNW Videos



Alysia's Story



John's Story



Jan's Story



Hayden's Story



The Waiting List

☒ **YES** I'D LIKE ORGANS TO BE
THERE IF I NEED THEM.

IF NOBODY GIVES, **NOBODY GETS.**

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE LIVES!



108,000+

people are on the
waiting list for an organ
transplant



13

people die every day
waiting for an
organ transplant



1

decision can save many
lives

Up to



8

lives can be saved
from one organ donor

Up to



125

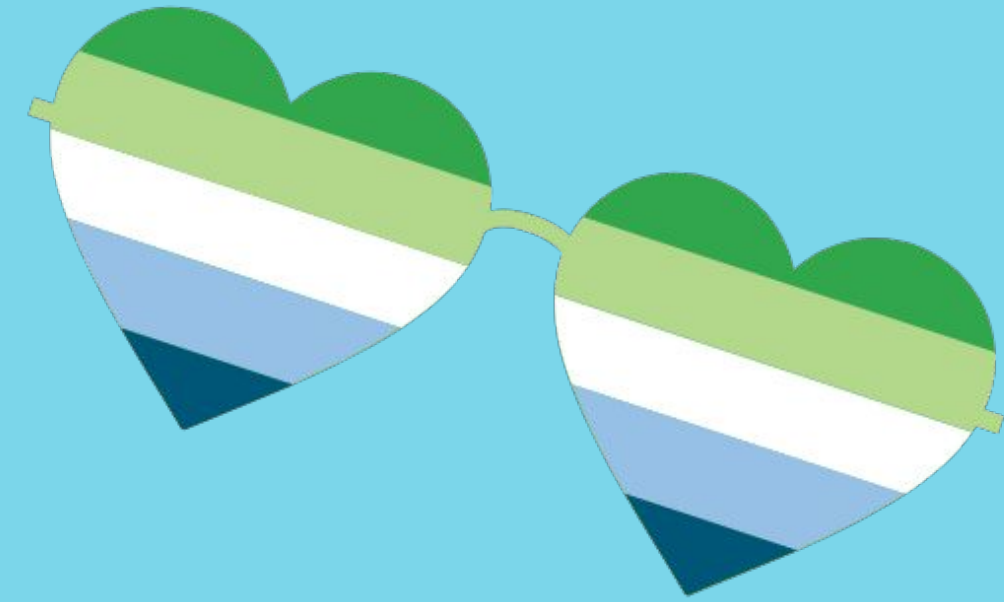
lives can be healed
from one tissue donor



∞

anyone can register as a
donor

Student Leadership Opportunities



- Be a Go Recycle Yourself Student Ambassador or join Student Organ Donation Advocates (SODA)
 - Leadership opportunities & volunteer hours look good on a resume or application!
- donatelifenw.org/content/students
or SodaNational.org/Students

RESOURCE



DLNW website:
donatelifenw.org



CLA Website:
[cascadelifealliance.org/
outreach](https://cascadelifealliance.org/outreach)

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GRY Instagram:
[@gorecycleyourself](https://www.instagram.com/gorecycleyourself)



DMV Website:
oregon.gov/odot



Español

THANK YOU!

PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY TO
GIVE US FEEDBACK :)

English





Q&A Session