

QUICK FACTS ON ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANT IN BC



DID YOU KNOW?

A decal on your driver's licence or care card is no longer enough. Register to be a donor @ transplant.bc.ca

It takes less than two minutes to register your decision online at transplant.bc.ca

Age doesn't matter. Canada's oldest organ donor was 93.

One organ donor can save up to 8 lives.

You are more likely to need a transplant than you are to become an organ donor.

Donation is considered only after all life-saving efforts are made and it's certain you will not survive.

Two doctors, not involved in transplant, must declare your death before organ donation can proceed.

Most religions support and encourage organ donation as an act of life saving.

If you have a medical condition you may still be able to be a donor.

Living kidney donors live a normal healthy life with one kidney.

BY THE NUMBERS

562
British Columbians on the wait list for a transplant as of January 1, 2016

21
British Columbians died in 2015 while on the transplant wait list

422
transplants performed in 2015

95
deceased donors in BC in 2015

20
BC's donors per million rate for deceased donation in 2015 (national average in 2014 - 16.6)

113
British Columbians who were living donors in 2015

24
BC's donors per million rate for living donation in 2015 (national average is 15.6)

6,868
transplants performed in British Columbia since 1968

95%
of British Columbians support organ donation

968,156
(approx. 20%) of people in BC have registered their decision on organ donation

2 MINUTES
the time it takes to register your decision on organ donation online @ transplant.bc.ca

1%
less than one percent of British Columbians die in a way that would enable them to become an organ donor

3
number of transplant centres in BC – BC Children's Hospital; St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital

8
number of regional clinics that provide care to patients post-transplant – Prince George, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Trail, Fraser Regional (Surrey), Victoria, and Nanaimo

LIVE LIFE. PASS IT ON.



Register to be an organ donor at:
transplant.bc.ca

1-800-663-6189
or 604-877-2240

QUOTES FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE:

“We see families who during times of incredible tragedy are faced with a decision about organ donation. When we are able to show them that their loved one was registered, it makes such a difference, as they know they are following through with their loved one’s wishes.”

Organ Donation Specialist, BC Transplant

“A kidney transplant means I am free of dialysis and can plan for my future.”

Gurjit, recipient

“A liver transplant saved my life, my family is forever thankful.”

Paul, recipient

“My heart transplant saved my life, I’m thankful every day.”

Jamie, recipient

“My liver transplant has given me hope for a bright future.”

Glenda, recipient

“My heart transplant means I can watch my son grow up.”

Lindsay, recipient

“Thanks to a kidney transplant, I’m alive and paying it forward.”

Annick, recipient

“We are forever grateful to the organ donor family that gave us our family.”

Elaine and Aaron, parents of Addison, heart recipient

“As a living organ donor, I gave someone a second chance at life.”

Mantej, kidney donor

“I never dreamed I’d live to be an adult. An organ donor changed that.”

Darvy, double lung recipient

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BC Transplant, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), provides oversight for all aspects of organ donation and transplantation throughout BC. For more information visit www.transplant.bc.ca

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