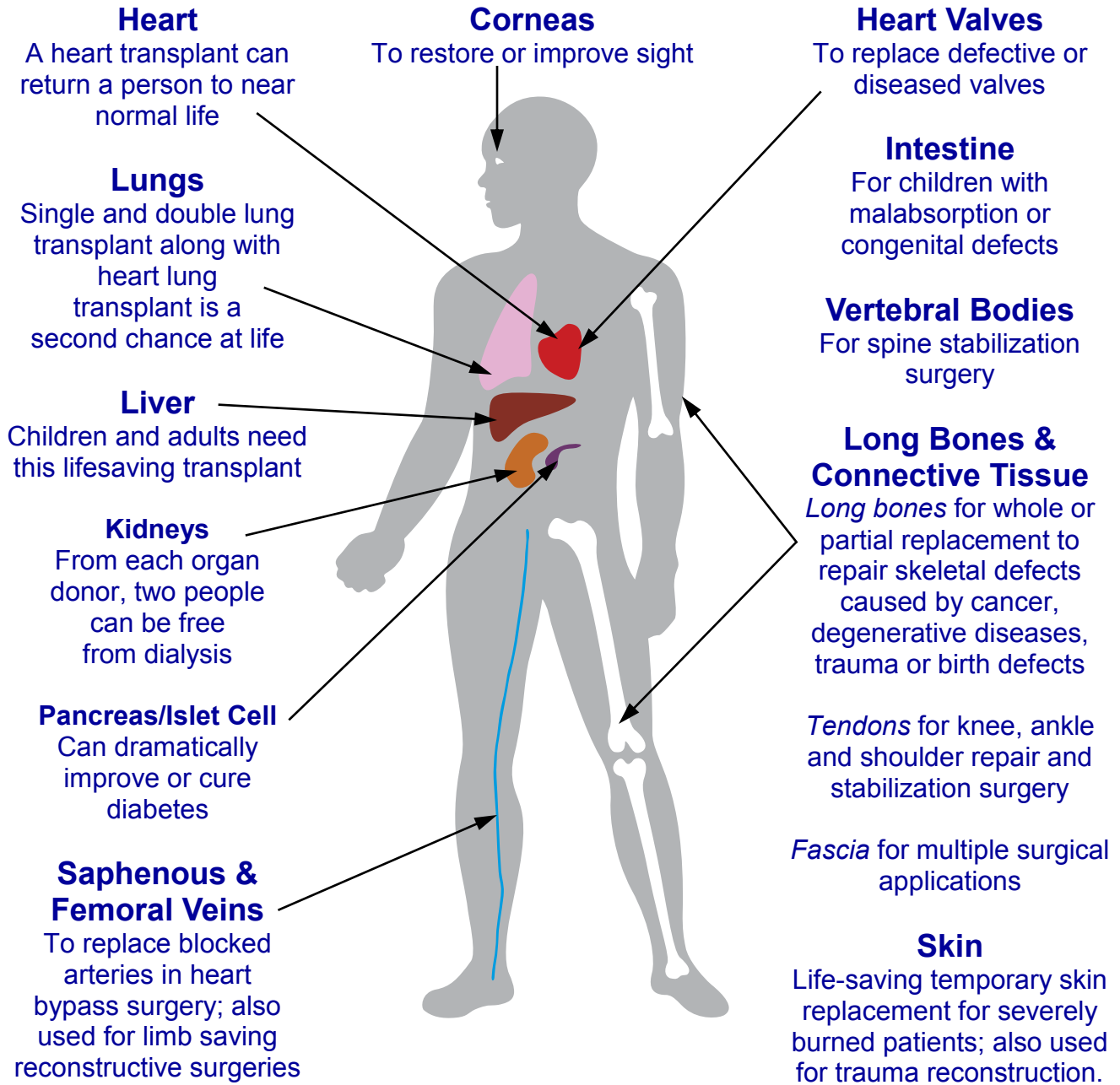


What Organs and Tissues Can Be Donated For Transplantation?



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What You Need To Know About DONATION



Three Easy Ways to Join the Alaska Donor Registry:

- Enroll in person at your local DMV office
- Sign up online at AlaskaDonorRegistry.org
- Contact Life Alaska Donor Services and request a Donor Registry form

Once you have registered, be sure to talk to your family about your decision.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Will my decision to become a donor affect the quality of my medical care?

No. A transplant team does not become involved unless your physician has determined all possible efforts to save the patient's life have failed.

Do celebrities and VIPs get special treatment in receiving organs?

Absolutely not. The United Network for Organ Sharing was created to ensure the equitable allocation of organs for transplantation. Patients on the waiting list are matched with organs anonymously, using medical criteria such as severity of illness, blood type, body size and weight.

Will donation disfigure my body? Can there be an open casket funeral?

Donation should not interfere with any funeral plans that are made. Careful reconstruction is done so an open casket funeral is possible.

Is it permissible to sell human organs?

No. The National Organ Transplant Act (Public Law 98-507) prohibits the sale of human organs.

Does my religion approve of donation?

Most major religious groups in the U.S. support organ and tissue donation as a charitable gift.

Is my family responsible for any of the costs of donation?

No. The donor's family is responsible only for hospital charges not involved with the donation. Families are also responsible for the funeral arrangements and costs.

How many people can be helped by one donor?

One organ and tissue donor has the potential to help or save the life over 100 people through transplantation.

ALASKA FACTS

- ◆ Since 1992, there have been over 3,500 Alaskan donors.
- ◆ Alaska has one of the highest donation rates per capita in the nation.
- ◆ Over 83% of licensed drivers in Alaska have chosen to be a donor.

NATIONAL FACTS

- ◆ As of January 2014, 121,036 men, women, and children currently await life-saving transplants.
- ◆ An average of 18 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant. Every 10 minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting list.
- ◆ According to research, 98% of adults know about organ donation and 87% of adults know of tissue donation.
- ◆ More than one million tissue transplants are done each year and the surgical need for tissue has been steadily rising.
- ◆ Most people who become organ donors died unexpectedly by accident or by sudden medical condition. That is why it is important to discuss your wishes with your family.
- ◆ 90% of Americans say they support donation, but only 30% know the necessary steps to take to become a donor.



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