National Centre for Regulating Donation and Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissue

The National Program for Donation and Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues was created in accordance with a Federal Decree law passed in 2016, in order to realize the country's objective to be a role model in the field of human organ and tissue donation and transplantation. The program aims to regulate the process of donation and transplantation of human organs and tissues, in addition to develop and provide care for patients with organ deficiencies.

The law aims to:

o regulate and develop transplantation operations
o ban human organs' and tissues' trafficking
o regulate the process of donating organs and tissues
o prevent exploitation of the patient's or the donor's needs.

About the program:

"Hayat" organ donation program provides the opportunity for every resident of UAE over the age of 21 to donate organs after brain death. The program constitutes a permanent solution for many patients and helps give them a fresh hope in life, as it has a positive impact on the life of the donor and recipient.

Conditions and requirements:

o The Emirates ID is required to register
o Donor must be over the age of 21

Licensed Health facilities for organ transplantation:

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Facility name	**Licensed transplant operations**
Cleveland Clinic - Abu Dhabi	Transplantation of kidneys, liver, heart, lungs and pancreas
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City - Abu Dhabi	Kidney transplantation for adults and children
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City – Abu Dhabi	Kidney transplantation for adults
Dubai Hospital - Dubai	Kidney transplantation for adults
Mediclinic Hospital - Dubai	Kidney transplantation for adults
Al Jalila Children Hospital - Dubai	Kidney transplantation for children
Al Qassimi Hospital – Sharjah	Kidney transplantation for adults

FAQs:

1- What is Organ Donation and Transplantation?

Organ donation and transplantation is the process of removing an organ from one person (the donor) and surgically placing it in another (the recipient).

Organ Donation can be from:

o **Living donor:** According to the law, the living donation is limited between relatives up to the fourth degree.

o **Brain-dead donor:** Organs are retrieved and transplanted to those who suffer from organ failure.

2- What organs can be donated?

One donor can save up to 8 lives, by donating the following organs:

1. Heart
2. Liver
3. Kidneys
4. Lungs
5. Pancreas

3- When the organs from deceased donors can be taken?

Organs can be taken in case of Brain Death.

4- What are the key laws governing organ donation in UAE?

Federal Decree-Law No. (5) of 2016 on regulating the transfer and transplantation of human organs and tissues in the UAE.

5- Do religions support organ donation?

According to Islamic law, organ donation saves lives, and the fatwas of the majority of jurists indicate that the donation is permissible.

All major religions not only support organ donation as an individual right but also encourage it as an act of generosity and compassion.

6- Can I donate for money?

There is no compensation for organ donation, as UAE law criminalizes human organ trafficking, and penalties have been enacted for anyone who violates this.

7- How can I register my desire to donate organs?

The registration platform "Hayat" for organ donation, has been provided on the website and application of the Ministry of Health and Prevention. Please follow the steps below to register: (https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/social/organ-donation)

1- Fill in the required data (Emirates ID number, Nationality, Date of birth)

2- Complete the required fields

3- Read the Terms and Conditions

4- Click on the "Consent" button.

8- How can I get my Donor Card?

An electronic donor card is obtained immediately after the registration is completed, by clicking on the **Donor Card**.

In case the donor card doesn't generated, please follow the steps below:

1- Open the mobile settings menu

2- Select Safari browser

3- Slide Block pop-ups to off, to disable pop up blocking

4- Return to the registration page to download the donor card

9- How I withdraw my desire of donation?

1- Open the registration page "Hayat"

2- Enter the Emirates ID number, nationality and date of birth

3- Click on the **Opt out form**, fill it out, and then send it back to the mentioned email

For more information and inquiries, kindly contact through:

Call center: 800 111 11

Email: info@mohap.gov.ae