



**MORE THAN 108,000 AMERICANS ARE WAITING FOR A LIFESAVING ORGAN TRANSPLANT. GET THE FACTS ABOUT DONATION, SIGN UP ON YOUR STATE'S ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY AND SHARE YOUR DECISION WITH FAMILY.**

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## THE FACTS ABOUT DIRECTED DONATION

- Generally, if a donor's family knows someone waiting for an organ transplant, they can request that they direct donate one of their loved one's organs to that particular person.
- A directed donation typically goes to a family member, friend, member of a church, a classmate, or another person who is held in high esteem by the donor's family.
- While directed donation is a potential option for all individuals awaiting a transplant, it occurs infrequently.

### Directed donation can only occur if ...

- The organ needed by the patient is functioning well enough in the donor to be recovered and transplanted;
- The donated organ matches the patient's needs for blood type and body size; and in the case of kidneys, appropriate antigen tissue compatibility;
- The patient in need is healthy enough to undergo the operation at the time the organ is available;
- The patient's surgeon agrees that the donated organ is the best organ for that patient.

### Directed donation cannot occur if ...

- The family requests to donate only to a particular racial or ethnic group; or;
- The family requests to donate only to a particular type of person (police officer, poor person, rich person).