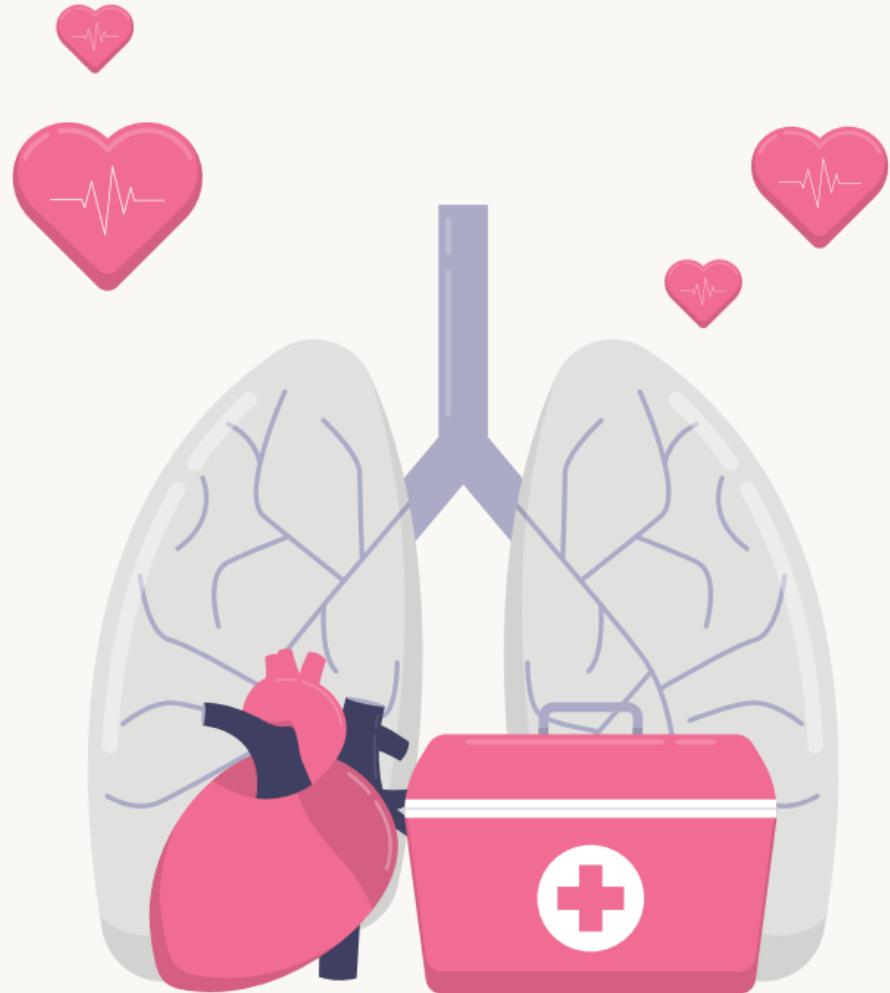




ORGAN DONATION



Organ donation refers to the act of legally permitting the removal of one's organ, either during the donor's lifetime through consent or after death with the approval of the next of kin.

- **What are the organs that can be donated?**
Vital Organs like heart, liver, kidneys, intestines, lungs, and pancreas can be donated in case of 'brain death'. Other tissues like corneas, heart valves, skin, bones, etc can be donated in case of natural death.
- **What are the objectives of organ donation?**
Donation is the act of giving an organ or tissue to help someone who needs a transplant. A transplant can save or transform the life of a person whose own organs or tissues are diseased or not functional. One organ donor can save up to 7 lives and help many more through eye and tissue donation.

Benefits of Donating Organs: A Life and Quality Gift

- **For the Living Donor:**
Positive emotional experiences: The gift of an organ can save the life of a transplant candidate.
More time with your loved one: Donating an organ can increase the time you spend with your loved one as well as the quality of that time.
- **For the Recipient:**
Quality of life: Transplants can greatly improve a recipient's health and quality of life, allowing them to return to normal activities.
Increased life span: Organ transplants help the recipients live longer. For example a kidney transplant dramatically increases the life span of a patient by about 10 years and improves their quality of life.

- **Importance of organ donation**

Saving Multiple Lives: A single cadaver donation has the potential to sustain the lives of up to eight individuals afflicted with end-stage organ failure.

Enhancing Quality of Life: Organ donation not only benefits the patients receiving the organs but also contributes to an improved quality of life for their families.

- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Organ donation presents a cost-effective alternative to long-term medical treatments for organ failure, thus reducing overall healthcare expenses.

- **Alleviating Organ Shortage:** By increasing the availability of organs, organ donation helps alleviate the shortage of organs and consequently reduces waiting times for patients in need of transplants.

- **Who can be an organ donor?**

A living donor is any individual aged 18 or older who willingly consents to the removal of their organ and/or tissue during their lifetime, through established medical protocols for therapeutic reasons.

- **Donating an organ is a selfless act of kindness that creates a long-lasting legacy of healing and hope.** You have the ability to save and enhance many lives by making the decision to donate your organs, and by spreading awareness of its importance to others. With our combined efforts, we can change the world and give the gift of life to those in need.