Overview on organ and tissue donation in Australia

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Australian Government Organ and Tissue Authority
Goal of the National Reform Agenda

To implement a world’s best practice approach to organ and tissue donation to improve access to live-saving and life-transforming transplants for all Australians in need
Objectives

• Increase the capability and capacity within the health system to maximise donation rates; and

• Raise community awareness and stakeholder engagement across Australia to promote organ and tissue donation.
Nine Measures

Achieved by implementing the nine COAG endorsed measures of the National Reform Agenda:

Measure 1: A new national approach and system - a national authority and network of organ and tissue donation agencies
Measure 2: Specialist hospital staff and systems dedicated to organ donation
Measure 3: New funding for hospitals
Measure 4: National professional education and awareness
Measure 5: Coordinated, ongoing community awareness and education
Measure 6: Support for donor families
Measure 7: Safe, equitable and transparent national transplantation process
Measure 8: National eye and tissue donation and transplantation network
Measure 9: Additional national initiatives, including living donation programs
Organisational structure
Victorian structure

• $12.9m Commonwealth funding available to Victoria for 2010-12

• Victoria has 22 hospitals in the DonateLife Network

• At 30 June 2011 Victoria had 73 DonateLife staff (35.75 FTE) funded by the Commonwealth:
  – 56 (21.80 FTE) medical and nursing specialists in organ and tissue donation
  – 17 (13.95 FTE) organ and tissue donation agency staff
Community Awareness Grants

• The Authority funded nine Victorian organisations $170,860 (excl GST) in 2009/10 and five Victorian organisations $120,835 (excl GST) in 2010/11 to conduct community awareness and education activities.

• In addition, Zaidee’s Rainbow Foundation has received funding for community awareness activities principally in the sports sector.
2010

- 1st full year of implementation
- Australia’s highest organ donation and transplantation outcomes
- Consolidation of the DonateLife Network
- Potential is clear
Building on 2010

Deceased Solid Organ Donors, Transplant Recipients and Organs Transplanted from Deceased Solid Organ Donors - 2000 to 2010

Source: ANZOD
Deceased Organ Donors
2000 – July 2011

Source: Australia and New Zealand Organ Donor (ANZOD) Registry 2011 Report
Transplant Recipients
2000 – July 2011

Source: Australia and New Zealand Organ Donor (ANZOD) Registry 2011 Report
Organs transplanted
2000 – July 2011

Source: Australia and New Zealand Organ Donor (ANZOD) Registry 2011 Report
Pace of Change

Similar or better growth rate as other countries at the same stage of their respective national reform programs.
Victoria’s donation and transplantation activity
2000-2010

Source: ANZOD
Victoria - Deceased Organ Donors
2000 – July 2011

Source: Australian and New Zealand Organ Donor Registry 2011 Report
Victoria’s significant contribution to the national outcome since 2009

Victorian and other jurisdictions
Donors per million population 2000—Projected 2011

Source: Australian and New Zealand Organ Donor Registry 2011 Report
The way forward

• Australia’s donation and transplantation rates are increasing.

• However, the Authority is committed to ensuring that donation and transplantation rates continue to improve and are sustained.
Strategic Priorities 2011-12

1. Development of electronic donor record (EDR)
   EDR supports the capture of referral suitability analysis, medical-social history and family consent, and provides a real time system for the offer, allocation and distribution of organs and tissue.

2. Hospital performance audit data collection enhancement
   The enhancements to the hospital performance audit and reporting will establish a national best practice framework for data analysis and drive clinical performance improvement.

3. Increasing consent rate
   Family Conversation Workshops are being developed to provide intensive training modules for clinicians on managing the donation requesting process with potential donor families.
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4. Special audience’s communication and engagement strategy
   The Authority is developing, in consultation with key stakeholders, a communication engagement strategy to address potential barriers to organ and tissue donation within culturally and linguistically diverse audiences in Australia.

5. Integration of the Eye and Tissue Network into the broader DonateLife Network (DLN)
   The integration of the Eye and Tissue Network into the broader DonateLife Network will deliver strategies to further integrate solid organ and tissue donation processes.

6. Development of performance and reporting framework
   The development of a performance and reporting framework will provide an agreed process for collecting, reporting and disseminating data; and delivering improved access to data.
Questions?

This woman could save a live one day.

She’s decided to be an organ and tissue donor. OK

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