



Explanation of words used on the form

Death

Death means the same as dying. A doctor will conduct an examination to find out whether the patient has died.

Organs and tissues

Organs are parts of the body, such as the heart, lungs or liver. Tissues are cells inside or on the outside of the body, such as bones, muscles or skin.

Donate

Donating means giving. Donating an organ or tissue means giving them to someone else. This will happen after your death. A doctor will remove the organ or tissue from your body. Another doctor will use this organ or tissue for someone who is sick. You can choose whether or not you want to donate.

Transplant

An organ or tissue from someone who has died is given to a patient who needs it. This involves surgery.

Transplantation research

Sometimes an organ or tissue is not suitable for donation. That means that the doctors cannot give it to someone who is sick. However, doctors can still use it for research. Doctors can learn a lot from this research. This research is called transplantation research. It enables doctors to learn how to transplant organs and tissues even better.

Information that is relevant to your decision

Can anybody donate organs and tissues?

Not everyone can donate organs or tissues after they die. When someone dies, a doctor will check whether that person's organs or tissues can be donated. However, everyone is asked to enter a choice in the Donor Register. That includes people who are sick. Everybody should register their choice. That way, your partner and family will know what you want. If you have any questions about whether you can become an organ donor, please visit transplantatiestichting.nl

Continuation: Information that is relevant to your decision

What happens when someone becomes an organ donor?

People who die at home can only donate body tissues. Organ donation is only possible when someone dies in a hospital. If a patient can no longer recover, the doctors will discuss this with the family. Organs and tissues are only removed when doctors are 100% sure that the patient has died. Death is determined according to strict rules. This is done by several doctors. For more information about this process, please visit donorregister.nl/donor-woorden

How do I make this decision?

If you are finding it difficult to make this decision and you would like more information first, please visit donorregister.nl/uw-keuze-maken

Where can I find more information about donating organs and tissues?

Maybe you have other questions about donating organs and tissues. Can your family members still say goodbye to you? What about religious beliefs? For more information, visit the transplantatiestichting.nl website or call **0900- 821 21 66**

How do I register a choice for someone who is unable to make this decision?

If someone is not able to take legal decisions, he or she may not make this decision independently. This may be the case for somebody living with dementia, for instance. People who cannot make legal decisions often have a representative to do this on their behalf. This may be a close family relative. The representative can make a decision regarding organ donation, and then register this choice.

The choice can be registered by the representative in two ways:

- 1. Authorization using DigiD on donorregister.nl**
 - Log in with your DigiD
 - Complete the form for the person who is unable to take this decision
 - Confirm this choice
- 2. Using the printed form**
 - Complete the form for the person who is unable to take this decision
 - Under section C you fill in: Yes
 - Sign the form and send it

For more information about making a decision on someone else's behalf, please visit donorregister.nl/uw-keuze-maken