

DonateLife

Engaging CALD Communities in Conversations about Organ and Tissue Donation

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Does my religion
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Find position
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Family members need to discuss donation and donation decisions.

Find [tools](#) to start the discussion in various languages at donatelife.gov.au

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Discover everything you need to have an informed conversation with your community at donatelife.gov.au

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What are you waiting for?

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See the video in different languages [here](#)

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Facts and figures

- One organ or tissue donation can transform the lives of many people.
- There are around 1,400 Australians currently on transplant waiting list and a further 11,000 people on dialysis at any one time.
- The majority of Australians (67%) are willing to become organ and tissue donors.
- The majority of Australians (71%) recognise it is important to discuss their donation decision with the people close to them.
- In 2017, 1,402 Australians received a life-saving transplant. The national program, which began in 2009, surpassed 10,000 transplant recipients.

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Organ and tissue donation and religion

- Some people are unsure whether or not they are permitted to become a donor in their religion.
- In Australia, most religions support organ and tissue donation. See statements from religious leaders [here](#).
- The donation team will work closely with the donor's family to ensure their religious beliefs and cultural practices are respected during the end-of-life care.
- The body of the donor is always treated with dignity and respect.

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‘DonateLife...the greatest gift’ video



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Language Resources

1. The **DonateLife** AODR brochure available in 18 languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese (traditional)
- Chinese (simplified)
- Greek
- Hindi
- Italian
- Spanish
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

- Croatian
- Serbian
- Macedonian
- Indonesian (Bahasa)
- Punjabi
- Dari
- Somali
- Sudanese (Dinka)
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2. **DonateLife** Family Support materials available in 18 languages:

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How to have a conversation about donation

- Initiating a discussion on donation can be challenging and research shows some Australians have not informed their loved ones about their decision.
- If you have **decided** to become an organ and tissue donor, you need to **register** your decision on the AODR and most importantly, **discuss** your donation decision with your loved ones.
- Be involved in community talks, place a story in your newsletter, invite **DonateLife** staff to participate in your festival or event.

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When is a good time to have the discussion?

- The next time your family sits down for a meal.
- Getting life insurance or writing a will.
- Leaving home for the first time.
- Celebrating a family anniversary or other special occasion.
- Getting a check-up by your GP.
- Hearing about someone who has become a donor, needs a transplant or has just had a transplant.

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Conversation starters

- I have just heard that my friend has registered to become an organ and tissue donor and I am thinking about registering too. What is your view about organ and tissue donation?
- I have just seen this brochure about organ and tissue donation. Did you know that one organ and tissue donor can save the lives of many people?
- I have the registration form here and am thinking of registering to become a donor myself.

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How you can help

- Start a discussion about organ and tissue donation.
- Provide brochures to members of your community.
- Request an information session for members of the community.
- Play one of the **DonateLife** audiovisual resources available on the [DonateLife website](#) at a meeting, or share the link.
- Refer people to the [DonateLife website](#) for more information.

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To find out more

- For more information visit donatelife.gov.au
- Contact the Organ and Tissue Authority:
 - (02) 6198 9800 or enquiries@donatelife.gov.au
- Your local DonateLife Agency
 - Find links to your local agency through donatelife.gov.au
- To learn more about organ and tissue donation in CALD communities, see FECCA's [Australian Mosaic issue 47](#) for articles from professionals, community members and medical practitioners

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