



# Organ Donation Information Card



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS :

Will organs and tissues donation disfigure the donor's body?

No. Organs and tissues donation will not cause any physical disfigurement. Even an open casket funeral is still possible.

Will organs and tissues be taken during autopsy (post-mortem) without the next of kin or family's permission?

No. No organs or tissues will be removed without the consent of the next of kin or family. Organ donation is different from autopsy (post-mortem) and is usually done in the operating theatre.

Does Islam permit organ donation?

Yes. Most countries including Malaysia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Pakistan and Singapore allow Muslims to pledge and donate their organs.

Will hospital treatment be affected if they know you are an organ donor pledger?

Absolutely not. The medical staff will do their utmost to treat a patient regardless whether the patient is a pledger or not.

Will all the organs be removed from an organ donor pledger after they have died?

No. Organs and tissues that will only be considered for donation are as follows:

- only organs & tissues that have been consented by the next of kin or family;
- only organs & tissues that are in good condition and still functioning;
- only if there is a suitable transplant recipient.

Can someone donate if they pass away at home?

Yes. They can still donate, but only their eyes or corneas. The donation can be done at their home.

## Organs and tissues that can be donated in Malaysia:-

### Organs



Heart



Lungs



Liver



Kidney

### Tissues



Eyes / Cornea



Heart Valve



Bones



Skin

## Organ Donation and Brain Death

- There are two types of death - brain death and cardiac death. Most people die a cardiac death, when their heart stops beating and they stop breathing.
- Brain death occurs when the brain is so badly damaged that it stops functioning permanently, usually as a result of severe bleeding and swelling caused by head injury, stroke, infection, tumours or lack of oxygen.
- Brain death is different from normal coma. Someone who is brain dead has lost the ability to breathe and is kept on a machine (ventilator).
- Brain death is certified by two specialists who are independent of transplantation.
- The scientific community and National Fatwa Council has endorsed that brain death is death.
- A person who is brain dead can donate all their organs and tissues, whereas someone who has cardiac death can donate their tissues only.

## Religious View

Donation after death is permissible in Islam. Other religions in Malaysia, such as Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism encourage organ donation as a noble deed.

## REGISTER NOW AND BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR PLEDGER

### IMPORTANT :

**Inform your family about your wish to become organ and tissue donor.**

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