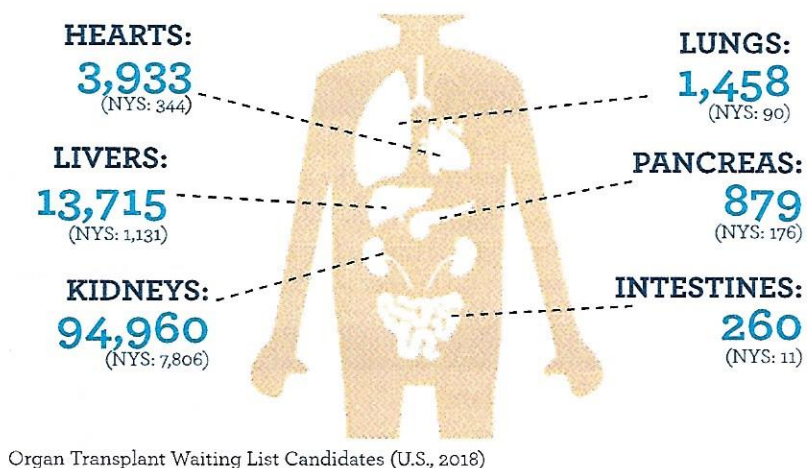


the basics

- > One organ donor can save up to **eight lives**. One tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people.
- > There are two types of consent for deceased donation: **first person consent**, which is authorization via registration, living will or last will & testament by the individual who wishes to become a donor, and **third person consent**, which is authorization for donation by a legally authorized party for an individual who is not registered or who has not otherwise legally declared consent.

the wait

- > **114,431**  
people on the national waiting list for organs
- > **9,400**  
people waiting in NYS
- > **8,164**  
people waiting in the NY metropolitan area



- > Nationally, most patients wait **one to two years** for an organ transplant. In NYS, most patients wait **three to five years**.
- > Every **10 minutes** another person is added to the national transplant waiting list. The list is managed by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). UNOS uses algorithms to appropriately match candidates with compatible organs.

the truths

- doctors will do everything in their power to save you** | Organ donation only occurs after the death of a patient is declared by a physician who, legally, must not be affiliated with donation.
- it is supported by most religions** | Most major religions support organ donation including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and more (see page 2).
- don't rule yourself out** | There is no age limit for donation, the oldest donor on record was 96. Regarding medical conditions, doctors will make a determination regarding the viability of organs at the time of death.
- traditional funeral services are possible** | Organ donation does not disfigure the body or delay funeral arrangements. Open-casket viewings are possible. Families of donors are not responsible for medical costs related to donation.



**50<sup>th</sup>**  
NYS ranks last in the nation in percent of residents registered as organ donors.



**Every 18 hours someone in NYS dies waiting for an organ.**

**32%** vs. **56%**  
of NYS residents are registered organ donors. of residents across the rest of the U.S.

Source: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network and Donate Life America