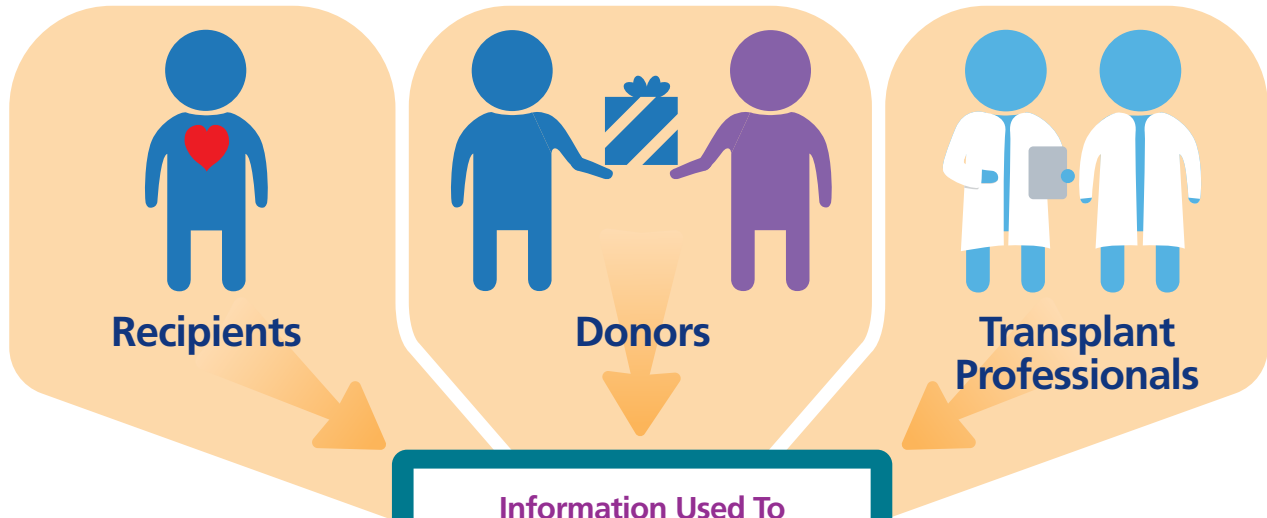


The Organ Transplantation System

It takes everyone to make the system work.



Information Used To
Develop Policies
Inform Patients' and
Professionals' Decision Making
Match Organs

Policies

Patients, donor families, and transplant professionals make the OPTN policies that guide organ matching.

OPTN Policy Development

- Committee identifies issue
- Investigates options
- Develops proposal
- Seeks feedback from transplant community and general public
- Revises proposal
- Provides proposal to Board of Directors for review and possible approval
- Approved proposal becomes policy

Policies are constantly improved based on transplants that have occurred in the U.S.

Public Information

The Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) helps patients and the transplant community understand patients' experiences:

- While awaiting a transplant
- After transplant

Public information: srtr.org

Matching

The OPTN (Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network) maintains a nationwide computer network linking donors and transplant candidates.

OPTN national policies drive the order in which patients receive organ offers.

Matching Requirements

- Blood Type
- Body Size
- How Sick
- Distance from Donor
- Tissue Type
- Time on List

NOT part of matching: ethnicity, gender, religion, and financial status

Matching and Policies: optn.transplant.hrsa.gov

Learn More

To learn more about organ donation and how to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, visit organdonor.gov.

Patients, families and friends can call the Patient Service Line: 888-894-6361.

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (ET)

