



Topic Talks

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Loddon Mallee

2021

Organ Donation

There have been recent changes in intensive care practice and organ donation best practice leading to changes in organ donation in Australia. This week we will explore organ donation as part of DonateLife Week.

The decision to donate organs and tissue is an act of extraordinary generosity. Donation helps people of all ages who are very ill or dying because an organ is failing.

Around 1,650 Australians are currently waitlisted for a transplant.

Key considerations of organ donation

- Neurological and circulatory determination of death in the context of organ donation
- The legal framework for organ and tissue donation
- The provision of patient and family-centred care in the context of organ donation
- Organ and tissue donation — Best practice
- Responsibilities of intensive care staff in supporting best practice in organ and tissue donation

Let's talk

Suggested questions to ask yourself or your peers this week



How would you rate your level of understanding of this topic?

Watch a webinar, listen to a podcast, look at the websites. Learn something new.

If a patient in your health service became an organ or tissue donor, what is the process to be followed locally?

It may happen rarely, but when it does, do you know what to do and who to call?

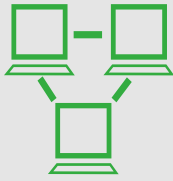
Do you know of any organ donation stories in the Loddon Mallee Region?

There are several success stories. Find out how much organ donation can be life changing for those in your community.

What are 2 new pieces of information you have learned about the topic this week?

Think about what you have learned. How can you use this learning going forward?

Loddon Mallee Activities and Resources



What's on the Web?



References:



Tuesdays@2 Webinar Series

Tuesday 20th July 2pm : Join the webinar via the [Bendigo Health Website](#)

or via zoom <https://bendigohealth.zoom.us/j/93324155450?pwd=Nm9iSUZmSEI4enJHWFRheWRtaTdaUT09>

Speaker:

- Holly Bradstreet - Organ Donation Coordinator

Topic: Organ Donation

- Donate Life Week July 25- Aug 1 More information here <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/news-events/events/2021-donatelife-week>

E-Learning:

- DonateLife Professional Education <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/resources/professional-education>

Webcasts:

- Transplant Australia (2021, Feb 22) Transplant Talk - COVID Vaccination for Transplant Recipients and Dialysis Patients. [1:13:19] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPjrHYTCi_Y
- Alfred Health (2018) A week in the life of a Donation Specialist Nursing Coordinator. <https://www.alfredhealth.org.au/news/a-week-in-the-life-of-a-donation-specialist-nursing-coordinator/>
- ACT Health (2017) Mending donor hearts – using machine perfusion to increase heart transplant opportunities and outcomes. [1:11:31] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQmmNvIKgZo>
- CKF (2020, Oct 21) Patient Ambassador Webinar - Living Organ Donation. [1:21:45] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rml-SBEm1g>

Podcasts:

- DonateLife (2021, July 6) The wait list journey. [19:30] https://omny.fm/shows/hit-91-9-bendigo/episode-11-andrew-conway-and-paul-greenwood?in_playlist=hit-91-9-bendigo!let-s-talk-organ-tissue-donation

Web Sites:

- [DonateLife](#)
- [DonateLife Victoria](#)
- [Transplant Australia](#)
- [Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Act 2008](#)

- Australian Government Department of Health (2020) About organ and tissue donation <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/organ-and-tissue-donation/about-organ-and-tissue-donation>
- DonateLife (2021) ANZICS statement on death and organ donation. Ed 4.1. <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/sites/default/files/anzics-statement-on-death-and-organ-donation-4.1.pdf>
- Smith, Z., Woods, C., Lea, J., Usher, K., (2019) Australian perioperative nurses' attitudes, levels of knowledge, education and support needs related to organ donation and procurement surgery: A national survey. Journal of Perioperative Nursing 32(2): 7-19