



## Facts about Minorities, Donation and Transplantation

**Minorities make up more than half of the nearly 100,000 patients on the national waiting list for organ transplants.**

### **African-Americans:**

- Make up 29% of the patients on the national organ transplant waiting list.
- Account for 14% of all organ donors.
- Experience kidney failure more often than any other race.
- Make up 35% of those awaiting kidney transplants.

### **Hispanics:**

- Make up 17% of the patients on the national organ transplant waiting list.
- Account for 14% of all organ donors.
- Are the fastest growing segment of the population.
- Are expected to continue joining the waiting list at a rate outpacing the number of Hispanic donors.

***Many of the conditions leading to the need for a transplant, such as diabetes and hypertension, occur with greater frequency among these populations.***

Of all patients awaiting transplants, more than 76,000 are waiting for kidney transplants. Minorities make up 61% of those patients, with African-Americans alone comprising 35% of those patients.

### ***Why is increasing donation among minorities so important?***

Donated organs can be transplanted across racial and ethnic groups. However, in kidney transplantation, genetic makeup plays a significant role in the degree to which a match exists between the organ donor and the transplant recipient.

**Register to be an organ/tissue donor today!**

*Illinois residents:*

Register via [www.donatelifellinois.org](http://www.donatelifellinois.org).

*Indiana residents:*

Register via [www.donatelifelindiana.org](http://www.donatelifelindiana.org).

For more information about donation, visit [www.giftofhope.org](http://www.giftofhope.org) or call us at 888/307-DON8 (3668).

Spanish speakers may call 877/577-3747 or visit the Web site's Spanish-language section.