

Myths vs. Facts

MYTH	TRUTH
The doctors will not try to save my life if they know I am a donor	When you are sick or injured and admitted to a hospital, the one and only priority is to save your life. The truth is that the medical teams that try to save lives are different from the ones that do transplants. The transplant surgeons are called only after all resources to save the life of the patient have been exhausted.
A patient can recover from brain death	Patients can recover from a coma, but not brain death. Coma is different than brain death. Brain death is final.
Donation will disfigure my body after death	When you donate your organs or tissue, it is done with the utmost care, dignity and respect. The body is never disfigured and donation does not delay any funeral arrangements.
Non-residents cannot donate or receive organs in the United States	Non-residents (who do not live in the US or are not US citizens) can donate and receive organs in the US. Organs are awarded to patients based on medical necessity, not citizenship.
I don't think my religion supports organ donation	Most major religions in the United States consider donation as the final act of love and generosity toward others.

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