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PREFACE

We are pleased to present the 2026 Annual Report of the Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry.

The Registry has collected and reported data on deceased organ donors since 1989 in Australia and 1993 in Aotearoa New Zealand. This report presents data for the 2025 calendar year, together with cumulative data from previous years for each country.

During 2025, the ANZOD Working Group conducted a comprehensive review of the annual report to ensure it reflects current reporting priorities and practices.

The Registry is a collaborative effort, and we gratefully acknowledge funding support from the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation Authority, whose ongoing support enables the continued collection and reporting of these data.

The report is available via the Australia and New Zealand Organ Replacement Therapies Registry Group website:
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METHODOLOGY

DATA COLLECTION

The Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry (ANZOD) collects and reports on all organ, eye, and tissue donations across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Data are submitted throughout the reporting month, enabling near real-time capture of donation events, and are used to generate a wide range of statistics for local, national, and international audiences.

Data are submitted via a secure web-based platform using structured XML data feeds. Registry staff validate submissions for completeness and consistency, and any discrepancies are confirmed directly with donation agencies and/or the transplanting unit. HLA typing information is obtained directly from OrganMatch, the national waitlisting and matching system.

INCLUSION CRITERIA

Included in the Registry are all individuals in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand who are classified as an intended or actual deceased organ donor.

WAITING LIST DATA

The active transplant waiting list is based on data from the OrganMatch (Australia) linked probabilistically with ANZOD.

DATABASE

Data is stored on a relational database using SQL Server.

STATISTICS

Statistical analyses are performed using Stata statistical software.

COUNTING METHODOLOGY

- The count of **transplant recipients** identifies the number of individuals who fall under the definition of **recipient**
- The count of **organs transplanted** identifies the number of organs transplanted in a single surgical implantation
- Double lungs are counted as **two organs**
- Double adult/en bloc kidneys are counted as **two organs**
- A liver split into two segments is counted as **one organ**
- **Pancreas Whole Organ Donation:** Where a pancreas is retrieved from a deceased donor and transplanted as a whole organ it is counted as **one organ transplant**
- **Islet Cell Transplantation:** If the pancreas is retrieved with the intent of isolating and transplanting islet cells, it is classified as a **tissue transplant**. This is because islet cells are considered a biological tissue rather than a whole organ



DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and terms are used consistently throughout this report, unless otherwise specified.

Term	Definition
Actual deceased organ donor	A deceased person in whom the surgical intervention to retrieve organs commenced for the purpose of transplantation, irrespective of whether transplantation occurred
Circulatory determination of death	Death determined by circulatory criteria
Deceased organ and/or tissue donation for transplantation	Removal of an organ and/or tissue from a deceased individual for transplantation to a living individual
Donation after circulatory determination of death (DCDD)	Donation after death has been determined by circulatory criteria
DNDD donor who donates via the DCDD pathway	A potential organ donor determined deceased by neurological criteria, where donation proceeds via the DCDD pathway (with withdrawal of cardio-respiratory support followed by circulatory arrest) for logistical, physiological, or family-related reasons
Donation after neurological determination of death (DNDD)	Donation after death has been determined by neurological criteria
Donation consent/authorisation	The legal agreement for donation of organ(s) and tissue(s)
Intended deceased organ donor	An individual for whom deceased donation workup was initiated (written consent for donation and donation bloods drawn), but organ retrieval surgery did not commence
Intended donor pathway not determined	An individual where the pathway (DNDD or DCDD) was not established or recorded before donation failed to proceed
Multi-organ deceased donor	An actual deceased organ donor from whom at least two different types of organs were retrieved for transplantation
Multi-organ recipient	A recipient who receives two or more different types of organs in the same surgical implantation (excludes double kidney, en-bloc kidney, and double lung transplants)
Neurological determination of death	Death determined by neurological criteria
Non-utilised donor	An actual deceased donor from whom no organs were transplanted
Non-utilised organ	An organ retrieved from a deceased organ donor which has not been transplanted



Term	Definition
Organ	A differentiated part of the human body made up of cells and tissues that performs a specific function. Examples include the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and intestine
Organ/tissue retrieval	The surgical procedure of removing organs and/or tissues from a deceased donor
Recipient	An individual who receives surgical implantation of an organ(s) or tissue(s) from a donor
Tissue donation for transplantation	Donated tissues for transplantation (e.g. corneas, skin, heart valves, bone, tendons, ligaments)
Transplantation	The surgical implantation of an organ(s) or tissue(s) from a donor to an individual
Utilised donor	An actual deceased donor from whom at least one organ was transplanted
Waitlisted patient	An individual currently listed as active on the relevant organ transplant waiting list



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