

HUMAN ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT (HOTA)

- Helping Others Through A Gift of Life -

HOTA helps to save lives. Over 200 kidney patients have benefited from kidneys obtained through HOTA. However, there are not enough organs for transplant. Many die while waiting for an organ. More can be done.



HOTA has been amended to allow more Singaporeans to benefit from organ donation.



1 Expand HOTA beyond deaths due to accidents to include all causes of death.



2 Expand HOTA beyond kidneys to include liver, heart and cornea.



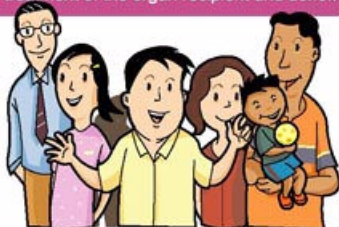
3 Regulate living donor organ transplants.



HOTA only applies to those who have died in the hospitals, usually from causes such as accidents, bleeding in the brain or brain tumours. There are stringent safeguards in place. Organs will be removed from those who are brain dead and whose organs are medically suitable for transplant. Brain death has to be certified by two doctors who are not involved in the care and treatment of the organ recipient and donor.



The revised HOTA will come into effect on 1 July 2004. It is estimated that 60-80 more people will benefit from the additional organs each year.



All non-Muslim Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents between the age of 21 and 60 years old are included under HOTA. By being a donor, you will have priority in receiving a cadaveric organ if you need one.

The Gift of Life will benefit many patients with organ failure. You can help by not opting out of HOTA.

However, if you do not wish to donate your organs upon death, you have the choice to opt out.

The opt-out form is available from:

- All public hospitals and polyclinics

*- Organ Donor Registry
(c/o Block 3 Room 9, Singapore General Hospital,
Singapore 169608, Tel no.:6321-4390)*

- The MOH website at www.moh.gov.sg

- For more information on HOTA-

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