

Revised Human Organ Transplant Act (HOTA)

What this means to you

In Singapore, there are many people suffering from organ failure.

More than 600 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant.

This waiting list is increasing because of the shortage of organs and tissues.

On Jan 6, 2004, the Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill was passed by Parliament. Commencing on Jul 1, 2004, it will allow more Singaporeans to benefit from cadaveric organs.

The amendments to HOTA are:

- To extend HOTA beyond kidney to also include liver, heart and cornea
- To extend HOTA beyond deaths due to accidents to include all causes of death
- To extend HOTA beyond cadaveric donation to also regulate living donor organ transplantation.

About 60 to 80 patients with organ failure will benefit from the additional organs each year.

The original 1987 Human Organ Transplant Act

Allows for kidneys to be removed in the event of death due to accidents for the purpose of transplantation.

All non-Muslim Singapore Citizens and permanent residents between the ages of 21 and 60 years are included under HOTA.

They will have priority in receiving a cadaveric organ if they need one. However, they can also opt out of HOTA if they do not wish to donate their organs when they die.

The opt-out form can be obtained from:

- All public hospitals and polyclinics
- Organ Donor Registry (c/o Block 3 Room 9, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore 169608, Tel: 63214390)



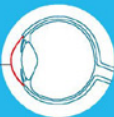
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NKF

Cornea



Heart

Liver

Kidney