

Revised Human Organ Transplant Act (HOTA)

The long, long wait

The Human Organ Transplant Act (HOTA) 1987 allows for the kidneys to be removed in the event of death due to accidents for the purpose of transplantation. From Jul 1 2004, the revised HOTA will lift its restrictions on kidney and accidents only donors.

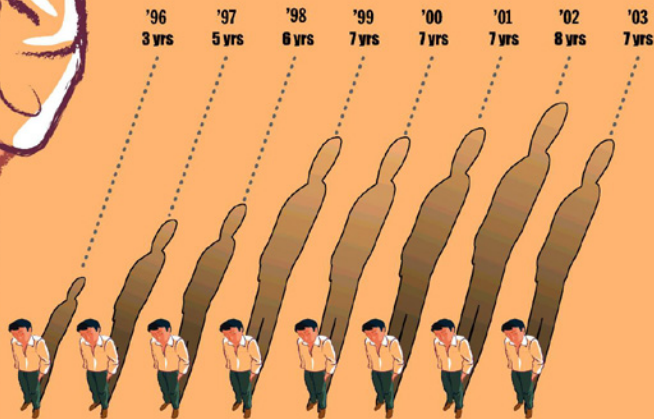
About 15 patients die each year while waiting for a liver and about 3 people die each year while waiting for a heart.

More than 600 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant. The number of patients on the organ transplant waiting lists is increasing because of the shortage of organs and tissues for transplantation.

It is hoped that each year 60 to 80 patients will benefit from the

additional organs coming as a result of the revised HOTA.

Before the revised law was amended, this was the trend of the average waiting time for organ kidney transplant patients:



*'Wait for two more years,
my doctor keeps telling me.
It's been 10 years now.'*

— Job Loei Lee Kok, 39, a patient on the kidney waiting list



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