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# THINKING ABOUT ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION?

## Do you need to make a DECISION?

The NHMRC has developed these booklets to help you think through the ethical issues and make decisions about organ and tissue donation.



These new guidelines cover the range of ethical considerations and various views surrounding organ donation.



The guidelines give helpful background information on when donation is possible and the process of organ donation.

Questions the booklets address include:

Who can be a DONOR?

Can CHILDREN donate?

How are DECISIONS made?

What follow-up MEDICAL CARE is given to living donors?

What ALTERNATIVES are there?

What would my FAMILY AND FRIENDS think about organ and tissue donation?

How do my religious, moral, spiritual or cultural BELIEFS fit with organ and tissue donation?

How would I feel if a relative or friend NEEDED an organ?

Australian Organ Donor Registry – Medicare Australia 1800 777 203  
<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/aodr/index.shtml>

National Health and Medical Research Council – Organ Donation Guidelines 13000 64672  
[http://nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e70\\_1\\_4\\_5syn.htm](http://nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e70_1_4_5syn.htm)