Organ procurement

The need for organs for transplantation far outstrips the supply. Efforts to increase donation must protect the interests of living and deceased donors.

Code of Medical Ethics opinions: organ procurement

- Transplantation of Organs from Living Donors: Opinion E-6.1.1
- Organ Donation after Cardiac Death: Opinion E-6.1.2
- Studying Financial Incentives for Cadaveric Organ Donation: Opinion E-6.1.3
- Presumed Consent & Mandated Choice for Organs from Deceased Donors: Opinion E-6.1.4
- Umbilical Cord Blood Banking: Opinion E-6.1.5
- Anencephalic Newborns as Organ Donors: Opinion E-6.1.6

Organ transplantation

Organ transplantation is unique in that it involves two patients, donor and recipient, both of whose interests must be protected.

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- Guidelines for Organ Transplantation: Opinion E-6.2.1
- Directed Donation of Organs for Transplantation: Opinion E-6.2.2

Special issues in organ procurement & transplantation

Xenotransplantation is a novel proposal for addressing the shortage of transplantable organs that can pose distinctive ethical challenges with respect to patient safety and public health.

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Xenotransplantation: Opinion E-6.3.1

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