

# Thinking about organ and tissue DONATION?



**Australian Government**

**National Health and  
Medical Research Council**

These new guidelines cover a 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.

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.

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 do 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)