

Survey questions

Poll 16 – Organ donation: Do families know the facts?

The next few questions are about organ donation. Organ donation involves removing organs from someone who has died (a donor) and transplanting them into someone who is very ill or dying. It can be difficult for parents to think about organ donation especially when it involves children. We are interested in your thoughts and views on this topic.

Question 1

If an adult had to make a decision about whether or not to donate their organs when they die, what are the *best ways* to make sure their decision is known in advance? Please select up to three.

- Talk to their partner or family about their decision
- Talk to their close friends about their decision
- Tell their GP (general practitioner) about their decision
- Carry an organ donor card
- Post it on social media
- Register their decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register
- Register their decision as part of their driver's licence application or renewal
- Not sure

The next few questions are about *children* and organ donation

Question 2

Have you ever talked about organ donation with your **child**? Please answer separately for each child aged five years and over.

- Yes
- No

* If YES to Question 2 branch to Question 3, if NO to Question 2 branch to Question 4

Question 3

What is the main reason(s) you talked about organ donation with your **child**? Please select up to three.

- It's part of my job as a parent
- My partner and I had been talking about it
- I heard or saw organ donation in the media or on social media

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- My child raised it because they had seen it in the media or on social media
- My child raised it because they had learnt about it at school
- We knew someone (such as a friend or family member) who had donated or received organs

Question 4

What is the main reason(s) you have **not** talked about organ donation with your child? Please select up to three.

- I haven't really thought about organ donation
- My child is too young to talk about it
- Children can't be organ donors so there is no point talking about it
- I don't want to think about my child becoming an organ donor
- I don't need to think about it unless my child is sick or injured
- My partner does not want me to talk about it with my child
- I would like to talk about it but am not sure how to start the conversation
- I would like to talk about it but am not sure where to go for information
- My partner has talk about it with my child so I don't need to
- It would be too upsetting for my child to talk about it

Question 5

Do you know your child's wishes regarding organ donation? Please answer separately for each child aged five years and over.

- Yes, I know my child's wishes
- No, I don't know my child's wishes
- I'm not sure about my child's wishes

Question 6

In general, **at what age** do you think **it is okay** for a parent or carer to discuss organ donation with their **child**?

- _____ years
- I'm not sure at what age it's okay to discuss organ donation with a child
- It is never okay to discuss organ donation with a child

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The next few questions are about your views on *adult* organ donation

Question 7

Overall, in the event that you died would **you** be willing to donate **your organs**?

- Yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- No
- Not sure

Question 8

Have you ever registered **your decision** about whether or not to donate **your organs** in the event of your death?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Question 9

How did you register **your decision** about whether or not to donate **your organs**?

- On the Australian Organ Donor Register
- As part of my driver's licence application or renewal
- Some other way - please specify
- Not sure

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Question 10

Overall, would you be willing to consider donating any of your **child/children's** organs if they died?

- Yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- No
- Not sure

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The next two questions are about organ transplants and *receiving* organs. An organ transplant is a medical procedure where an organ is removed from one body and placed in the body of someone else, to replace an organ that is damaged or no longer working. Some people are willing to receive an organ transplant, even though they may not be comfortable considering being an organ donor.

Question 11

If you became very ill or had a serious accident, would **you** be willing to consider **receiving** an organ transplant *for yourself*?

- Yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- No
- Not sure

Question 12

If your **child** became very ill or had a serious accident, would you be willing to consider *your child* **receiving** an organ transplant?

- Yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- No
- Not sure

Question 13

People have different thoughts and views on organ donation. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about **children** and organ donation?

1. Children usually can't donate organs
2. Children's organs can only be donated to other children
3. Some children can receive transplants using adult organs
4. Toddlers and preschoolers who have died are too young to donate organs
5. Usually a child who has been unwell for a long time can't donate organs

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6. If a decision is made to donate a child's organs in the event that they are dying, they might not get all treatment options available to save their life
7. If a decision is made to donate a child's organs in the event that they are dying, that child would be likely to suffer in the process
8. In Australia, children who need an organ transplant always get one
9. A child who dies and donates organs may be disfigured in the process
10. If a child's organs are being donated, a parent can't spend time with their child after they have died
11. Most people are able to donate their organs when they die

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure