



Australian Government
Organ and Tissue Authority



DonateLife

Dear Practice Manager,

HELP US ENCOURAGE PATIENTS TO REGISTER AND TALK TO THEIR FAMILY ABOUT ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION.

The Australian Government's Organ and Tissue Authority leads the DonateLife program to increase organ and tissue donation, so that more Australians can receive a life-changing transplant.

With 1,800 Australians on waitlists for a transplant, and a further 14,000 on dialysis, many of whom could benefit from a kidney transplant – the need for more donors is critical.

To lift donation rates, we run a world-class clinical program in Australian hospitals, and we build community support for donation through education and public awareness activities.

While 4 in 5 Australians say they support donation, only 1 in 3 are registered. When you are registered to be a donor, 8 out of 10 families say yes to donation in the hospital because they know what you want. This drops to 4 in 10 when you are not registered and haven't told your family that you want to be a donor.

Increasing the number of Australians registered as donors would increase the number of families who consent to donation.

Enclosed is a practical resource to help GPs and community health professionals raise donation with patients at the right time and answer any questions they may have. This could be during preventive health consultations, or when taking a patient's social history. We'd also encourage you to share information about organ and tissue donation via any existing communication channels – perhaps through your practice newsletter, in your waiting area, or via social media.

For more information visit donatelife.gov.au/gp-resources

As trusted healthcare professionals, spreading the word about organ and tissue donation in your clinic builds trust in the process and starts important conversations, that could ultimately save lives.

Thank you for your support,

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