

# 2017–2018 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS



Australian Government  
Organ and Tissue Authority



The need for transplantation continues to outweigh the availability of organs and some tissues in Australia. For this reason, we are committed to optimising every donation opportunity.

In 2017–18, the OTA along with state and territory governments, the DonateLife Network, clinical stakeholders and the community is focusing on the following key areas to expand the potential donor pool, increase consent to donation, and provide systems that support organ and tissue donation.

2017

510 → 1,402

Deceased organ donors

Organ transplant recipients

2016

503 → 1,447

Deceased organ donors

Organ transplant recipients



Call on **Australians to register donation decisions** on the Australian Organ Donor Register and to **discuss their decision with family and loved ones**



Deliver **Family Donation Conversation** workshops supporting clinicians to enhance their communication skills and embed donation as part of routine end-of-life care



Invite families who were asked to make a donation decision to provide feedback on their experiences through the **Donor Family Study** to improve support for families



Support the **development of a new organ matching system, OrganMatch** to enhance clinical outcomes for organ donation and transplantation e.g. specific age matching of donors to recipients



Implement an **eye module** in the existing **Electronic Donor Record (EDR)**

Implement the **'Best practice guidelines for offering organ and tissue donation in Australia'** providing optimal care and support for families and clinicians when organ donation is possible

Support the use of the **TSANZ clinical guidelines** to identify and manage acceptable clinical risk according to the needs of the potential donor and transplant recipients



Continue to develop and refine **national performance outcome reporting processes**



Support the **ongoing development of the eye and tissue sector** in collaboration with governments and professional bodies