

Glossary

Advisory Council	The Authority's foremost governing body established under the <i>Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Act 2008</i> to advise the CEO about organ or tissue donation and transplantation matters
Audit Committee	Committee established by the Authority's CEO in accordance with section 46 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i> to provide independent assurance and assistance to meet the Authority's responsibilities under the Act, particularly in relation to risk control, compliance frameworks and external accountabilities
Australasian Donor Awareness Program	Workshop-based program that provides health professionals with continuing education on organ and tissue donation, including education on clinical issues and family communication
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	Statutory body established under the Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Act 2008 to implement the National Reform Agenda
Australian Paired Kidney Exchange program	Program to increase live donor kidney transplants by identifying biologically incompatible donor–recipient pairs and matching an incompatible donor–recipient pair with a second incompatible donor–recipient pair
Clinical trigger protocol	National protocol to help clinical staff identify potential deceased organ donors
Consensus Statement on Eligibility Criteria and Allocation Protocols	Consensus statement on organ transplant waiting lists and organ allocation protocols for transplantation
Consent rate	Number of consents as a proportion of the number of requests in potential donors
Conversion rate	Number of brain dead organ donors as a proportion of the number of potential donors with confirmed or probable brain death
DonatLife	Commonwealth program brand for the National Reform Agenda including brand name and identity for the DonatLife Network and national DonatLife Community Awareness and Education program
DonatLife ambassadors	High-profile individuals appointed by the Authority to support the national campaign
Donation after Brain Death	Refers to organ donation occurring after brain death has been determined and before cessation of circulation
Donation after Cardiac Death	Organ donation after death has been determined to have occurred, on the basis of the absence of circulation (and of other vital signs)
DonatLife Book of Life	Collection of life-saving and life-changing stories from people touched by organ and tissue donation, launched during DonatLife Week 2011
DonatLife campaign	Community awareness campaign to achieve and sustain increased levels of family discussion about donation wishes, knowledge of family members' donation wishes, and awareness of the role of family consent
DonatLife Network	National network of organ and tissue donation agencies, hospital-based staff and the Authority focused on increasing organ and tissue donation

DonateLife Network Annual Forum	Annual event to provide the DonateLife Network with the opportunity to come together to network, share experiences and contribute to the future implementation of the National Reform Agenda
DonateLife Week	National awareness week on organ and tissue donation (formerly named Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week)
Electronic donor record	National electronic record for offering organs for transplantation to streamline organ offering processes
Family Conversation Workshop	Workshop-based training that provides health professionals with skills to conduct and sensitively manage discussions with families about sudden death and consent for donation
Hospital-based staff	Specialist hospital staff, including hospital medical directors and hospital senior nurses, funded by the Commonwealth to facilitate organ and tissue donation and to educate and support hospital staff involved
Janette Hall Professional Training and Development Scholarship Program	Scholarship program that provides opportunities for health professionals working in the donation and transplant sector to attend professional training and education, both in Australia and overseas
Jurisdictional Working Group	Representatives of all jurisdictional health departments ensure efforts of the DonateLife staff reflect state, territory and Australian Government policies and processes, and legislative and funding implications are well understood by relevant departments
Memorandum of understanding	A written but non-contractual agreement between two or more agencies or other parties to take a certain course of action
National Communications Charter and Framework	Framework and principles of the nationally consistent approach to communications
National Hospital Death Audit	Nationally consistent method of managing a retrospective audit to collect data about hospital deaths in the context of organ donation
National Donor Family Support Service Framework	Framework outlining the National Donor Family Support Service, the national standard of support offered to donor families in Australia which aims to deliver a consistent and high standard of care
National Reform Agenda	The nine measures that describe the key strategies of the Australian Government's 2008 World's Best Practice Approach to Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation
Organ and tissue donation agencies	Organ and tissue donation agencies are responsible for implementing the National Reform Agenda in their respective state or territory and employ specialist staff in organ and tissue donation coordination, professional education, Donor Family Support, communications, and data and audit roles
Organ Donation Hospital Support Funding	Commonwealth funding provided to individual hospitals for additional staffing, bed and other infrastructure costs associated with organ donation to ensure costs are not a barrier to hospitals for organ donation to proceed
Portfolio Budget Statements	Statements prepared by portfolios to explain the Budget appropriations in terms of outcomes and programs
Request rate	The number of donation requests as a proportion of the number of potential donors
State medical directors	Leaders of the organ and tissue donation sector in each jurisdiction driving clinical practice change to increase organ and tissue donation rates