

What Organs and Tissues Can Be Donated For Transplantation?

Heart
A heart transplant can return a person to near normal life

Lungs
Single and double lung transplants offer recipients a second chance at life

Liver
Children and adults need this lifesaving transplant

Kidneys
Can free two people from dialysis

Pancreas/Islet Cell
Can dramatically improve or cure diabetes

Corneas
To restore or improve sight

Heart Valves
To replace defective or diseased valves

Intestine
For children with malabsorption or congenital defects

Vertebral Bodies
For spine stabilization surgery

Long Bones & Connective Tissue
Long bones for whole or partial replacement to repair skeletal defects caused by cancer, degenerative diseases, trauma or birth defects

Tendons for knees, ankle and shoulder repair and stabilization surgery

Connective Tissue for multiple surgical applications

Skin
Life-saving temporary skin replacement for severely burned patients; also used for trauma reconstruction

Saphenous & Femoral Veins
To replace blocked arteries in heart bypass surgery; also used for limb saving reconstructive surgeries



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