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# INCREASING ORGAN DONATION

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## **FOREWORD**

The July 1991 Surgeon General's Workshop on Increasing Organ Donation was a response to the critical need for a comprehensive effort to save the lives of thousands of Americans waiting for donor organs to become available. While many concerned individuals and organizations have implemented numerous efforts to increase donation, the need for donor organs continues to exceed their availability. Seven expert panels of workshop participants focused their collective energies and knowledge to propose recommendations and strategies for resolving this perplexing dilemma.

The background papers in this volume, written by some of the leading experts in the field of transplantation, were prepared specifically for the workshop. Collectively the authors have presented state-of-the-art information on numerous topics that affect donation. Recommendations and proceedings of the workshop are presented in a companion document.

It is my sincere hope that the efforts of these authors, the workshop participants, and the activities of all those in the transplantation field who are fighting for this important cause will soon begin to show the positive results that are so vitally needed.

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## **Abbreviations**

<b>AATB</b>	<b>American Association of Tissue Banks</b>
<b>ABTC</b>	<b>American Board of Transplant Coordinators</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>American Council on Transplantation</b>
<b>AHA</b>	<b>American Hospital Association</b>
<b>AOPO</b>	<b>Association for Organ Procurement Organizations</b>
<b>ASHI</b>	<b>American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics</b>
<b>ASTP</b>	<b>American Society for Transplant Physicians</b>
<b>ASTS</b>	<b>American Society for Transplant Surgeons</b>
<b>CDC</b>	<b>Center for Disease Control</b>
<b>DHHS</b>	<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>
<b>DOT</b>	<b>Division of Organ Transplantation</b>
<b>EBAA</b>	<b>Eye Bank Association of America</b>
<b>ESRD</b>	<b>End Stage Renal Disease</b>
<b>HCFA</b>	<b>Health Care Financing Administration</b>
<b>HHS</b>	<b>Health and Human Services (Department of)</b>
<b>HIV</b>	<b>Human Immunodeficiency Virus</b>

<b>HRSA</b>	<b>Health Resources and Services Administration</b>
<b>IHS</b>	<b>Indian Health Service</b>
<b>MOTTEP</b>	<b>Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Center</b>
<b>MHC</b>	<b>Major Histocompatibility Complex</b>
<b>NATCO</b>	<b>North American Transplant Coordinators Organization</b>
<b>NIH</b>	<b>National Institutes of Health</b>
<b>NKF</b>	<b>National Kidney Foundation</b>
<b>OPO</b>	<b>Organ Procurement Organization</b>
<b>OPTN</b>	<b>Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network</b>
<b>PHS</b>	<b>Public Health Service</b>
<b>RFC</b>	<b>Request for Contract</b>
<b>RFP</b>	<b>Request for Proposal</b>
<b>SEOPF</b>	<b>South-Eastern Organ Procurement Foundation</b>
<b>TRIO</b>	<b>Transplant Recipients International Organization</b>
<b>UNOS</b>	<b>United Network for Organ Sharing</b>
<b>USRDS</b>	<b>United States Renal Data System</b>