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ABSTRACT In 2011, the number of eligible deaths (death of a patient aged 70 years or younger who is legally declared brain dead and does not exhibit any excluding factors) was 9023, a slight decrease from 2010; 72.9 eligible donors per 100 eligible deaths were converted to organ donors. The unadjusted donation rate varied by donation service area (DSA), as did the number of transplant programs. The observed/expected organ yield ratio for all organs varied by DSA from 0.89 to 1.13. The total number of organs recovered divided by the number of donors was 3.54, slightly lower than in 2010; this value varied by DSA from 2.91 to 4.19. The number of organs transplanted per donor was 3.07, varying by DSA from 2.28 to 3.37. The discard rate for all organs combined was 0.13 per recovered organ, a value that varied substantially by DSA and by organ type. Reasons for not procuring or for discarding organs varied by organ type. Numbers of intestines, hearts, and lungs procured for transplant but not used are smaller than numbers of kidneys, pancreata, and livers because intestines, hearts, and lungs are recovered only after a transplant center has accepted the organ for transplant.

KEY WORDS Donation rate, eligible death, organ procurement organization, organ yield.

When I heard there would be five families impacted by Kim's organ donation, that was phenomenal. It was a moment of healing and beginning.

Kimberly, donor aunt

For organ donation, there are new metrics to calculate organ yield for all deceased donors, along with existing metrics such as donation rate, transplant rate, and rate of organs discarded. This chapter describes these metrics and compares them across the 58 donation service areas (DSAs).

Eligible Deaths

For reporting purposes, an eligible death is defined as the death of a patient aged 70 years or younger who is legally declared brain dead according to hospital policy and does not exhibit any of the list of exclusions listed in OPTN policy (Figure 1.1). The number of eligible deaths, as reported by organ procurement organizations (OPOs) to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), was 9,023 in 2011, a slight decrease from 9,035 in 2010. The estimated number of potential eligible deaths varies across the country, according to a recent study by Sheehy et al. using data from the National Center for Health Statistics (1). In 2007, these deaths represented 4.8% of all in-hospital deaths. The reasons for this variation in potential eligible deaths are not fully understood; regional variation in neurologic deaths could explain part of this variation (1).

Donation/Conversion Rate

The donation rate is calculated as the number of eligible donors per 100 eligible deaths. In 2011, 72.9 eligible donors per 100 eligible deaths were converted to organ donors (Figure 1.1). This overall 2011 rate was higher than the 2009 rate (69.4 per 100 eligible deaths) and the 2010 rate (71.7 per 100 eligible deaths). The donation rate for kidneys was higher than for livers; both of these rates were higher than the rates for

thoracic organs and pancreata. Heart donation rates were higher than lung donation rates (lung donation refers to 1 or 2 lungs recovered). The unadjusted donation rate varied by DSA (Figure 1.2). The number of transplant programs in each DSA also varied substantially (Table 1.3).

Organ Yield

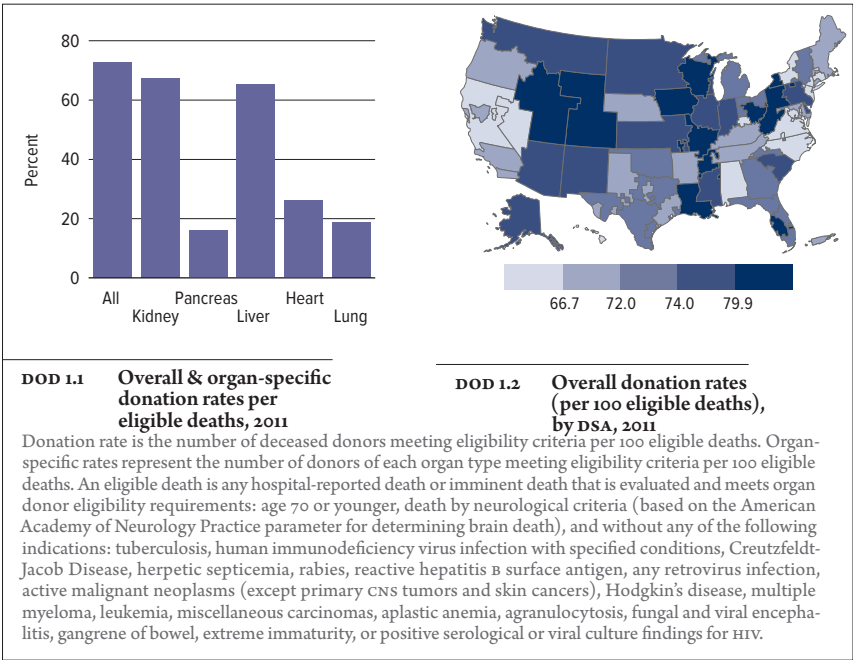
In June 2011, the OPTN Board of Directors approved use of the observed-versus-expected organs transplanted, or yield, metric. This adjusted analysis suggests opportunities to share best practices from DSAs with higher-than-expected organ-specific yields, to improve the overall yield across the country. The aggregate and organ-specific yield metrics based on 2-year cohorts for each OPO are publicly available on the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients website (2) and are reviewed biannually by the OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee. This metric compares the number of organs actually transplanted (observed) with the number of organs that would be expected to be transplanted, based on the national experience with similar donors (expected). The metric is expressed as the ratio of observed/expected organs transplanted. A ratio of less than 1 indicates that fewer organs were transplanted than would be expected, based on the national models for that particular organ. A ratio of greater than 1 indicates that more organs were transplanted than would be expected. Yields for all organs together (aggregate) are shown in Figure 1.4. In 2011, the observed/expected yield ratio for total organs varied across the DSAs from 0.89 to 1.13 (Figure 1.4). The observed/expected yield ratio for kidneys varied from 0.81 to 1.19 (Figure 1.5); for pancreata, from 0.10 to 2.26 (Figure 1.6); and for livers, from

0.83 to 1.19 (Figure 1.7). The range of observed/expected yield ratio for intestines was widest compared with all other organs, from 0 to 5.36 (Figure 1.8). The observed/expected yield ratio for hearts ranged from 0 to 1.28 (Figure 1.9), and for lungs, from 0.51 to 1.82 (Figure 1.10).

Organs Recovered per Donor

The total number of organs recovered divided by the number of donors was 3.54 in 2011, slightly lower than the 3.58 organs recovered per donor in 2010. Since 2000, this value has ranged from 3.48 to 3.62 (Figure 2.1). In 2011 the number varied substantially by DSA, ranging from 2.91 to 4.19 (Figures 2.2, 2.3). The number of kidneys recovered per donor ranged from 1.62 to 2.00; pancreata, from 0.07 to 0.31; and livers, from 0.64 to 0.95. The number of intestines recovered per donor ranged from 0.0 to 0.11; hearts, from 0.0 to 0.42; and lungs, from 0.13 to 0.76 (Figure 2.2). Of note, organs recovered per donor represents an unadjusted analysis. The value is not adjusted for mix of donor types recovered in the OPO, that is, standard criteria donors (SCD), expanded criteria donors (ECD), and donation after circulatory death (DCD) donors.

As expected, the number of organs recovered per donor from SCDs was higher than those from ECDs and DCD donors (Figure 2.4). In 2011, more kid-



neys were recovered per donor from DCD donors than from SCDs and ECDs: 1.98, 1.86, and 1.61, respectively (Figure 2.5). In contrast, for all other organs, more were recovered per donor from SCDs than from DCD donors. This pattern also occurred in 2010. Similarly, more organs were recovered per donor from SCDs than from ECDs, except for livers. Similar numbers of livers were recovered per donor from SCDs and from ECDs (Figure 2.6).

Organs Transplanted per Donor

The number of organs transplanted per donor was 3.07 in 2011, slightly lower than the 3.10 in 2010 (Figure 3.1). Since 2000, this value has ranged from 3.00 to 3.24. While the overall number of organs transplanted per donor in 2011 was similar to that in 2010 (Figure 3.1), the number varied substantially by DSA, ranging from 2.28 to 3.73 (Figures 3.2, 3.3). Of note, organs transplanted per donor represents an unadjusted analysis. The value is not adjusted for mix of SCD, ECD, and DCD donor types. As expected, the number of organs transplanted per donor from SCDs was higher than the numbers for ECDs and DCD donors (Figure 3.4). In 2011, more kidneys were transplanted per donor from DCD donors than from SCDs and ECDs: 1.73, 1.67, and 0.88, respectively (Figure 3.5). In contrast, for all other organs, the number of organs transplanted per donor from SCDs was higher than the numbers for ECDs and DCD donors (Figure 3.6).

Discard Rate

The number of organs discarded is calculated by subtracting the number of organs transplanted from the number of organs recovered for the purpose of transplantation. The discard

rate is then calculated by dividing the number of organs discarded by the number of organs recovered for the purpose of transplantation. The discard rate for all organs combined was 0.13 per recovered organ, unchanged from 2010 (Figure 4.1). Organ-specific discard rates were similar to those in 2010. Discard rates varied substantially by DSA (Figure 4.2) and by organ type; discard rates were highest for pancreata and kidneys and lowest for hearts (Figure 4.2).

In 2011, use of kidneys, pancreata, livers, and lungs from ECDs varied by DSA. To quantify ECD use, the number of ECD organs transplanted is divided by the number of all organs (SCD+ECD+DCD) transplanted. This calculation was done for each organ type (kidney, pancreas, liver, and lung). The largest variation occurred for livers; ECDs represented 0% to 44% of all organs transplanted by DSAs (Figure 5.1). Waiting times for deceased donor transplants in 2011 varied across the country (Figure 7.1). Waiting times were longest for kidney transplants. Longer waiting times may be an impetus for the use of ECD organs. Of note, the waiting times are only for candidates who received a transplant. The waiting times do not account for candidates who did not receive a transplant.

Organ disposition data were reviewed to improve understanding of the reasons for organ discard or for not procuring an organ. In 2011, at least one organ was procured for the purpose of transplant from 8,128 donors (Figure 8.1). Of the 16,256 kidneys from these donors, 5,800 left, 5,741 right, and 298 *en bloc* kidneys were transplanted. This represents 75% of all kidneys, after counting each *en bloc* kidney as two kidneys transplanted. Reasons donor kidneys were not used are listed in Figure 8.1. The most common reason for not procuring a kidney was poor organ function. There were 1,233 left kidneys,

1,294 right kidneys, and 60 *en bloc* kidneys that were recovered but not transplanted. The most common reason for not transplanting a procured left or right kidney was “biopsy findings.” The most common reason for not transplanting procured *en bloc* kidneys was “no recipient located, list exhausted,” followed closely by “biopsy findings.” From the 8,128 donors, only 1,093 pancreas allografts (13.4%) were transplanted; another 419 were recovered for the purpose of transplant and not used for transplant (Figure 8.2). From the 8,128 donors, only 6,031 liver allografts (74.2%) were transplanted; another 655 allografts were recovered but not transplanted (Figure 8.3). The most common reason for not transplanting recovered livers was “biopsy findings.” The most common reason for not procuring a liver was “ruled out after evaluation in the operating room.” For the remaining organs (intestine, heart, and lung), the numbers procured for transplant and not used were smaller, since the surgical procurement team in these cases is usually the same as the transplant team. Thus these organs would be recovered only after a transplant center has accepted the organ for transplantation (Figures 8.4, 8.5, 8.6).

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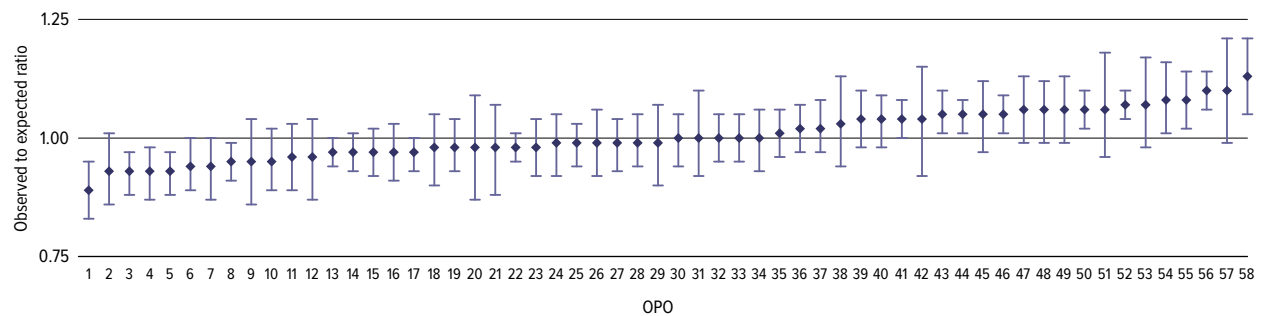
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AROR	27	1	13	2	13	11	3		1		2		NEOR	9	3	7		5	7	1	1	1	1	1							
AZOB	41	5	15	1	18	5	4	3	3	1	4	2	NJTO	26	8	16		8	6	4	4	1		2	1						
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DOD 1.3 Transplant program summary, 2011

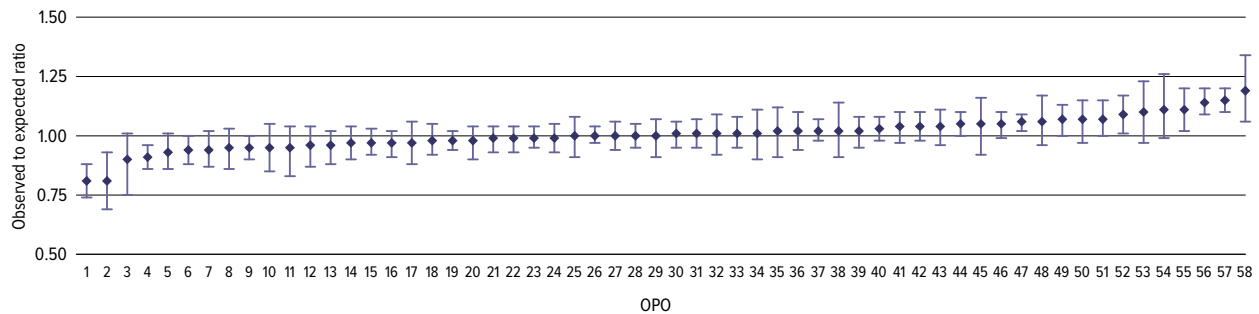
Organ specific transplant programs are defined based on one or more transplants of that organ type within 2011.



DOD 1.4 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (o/e), 2011: all organs

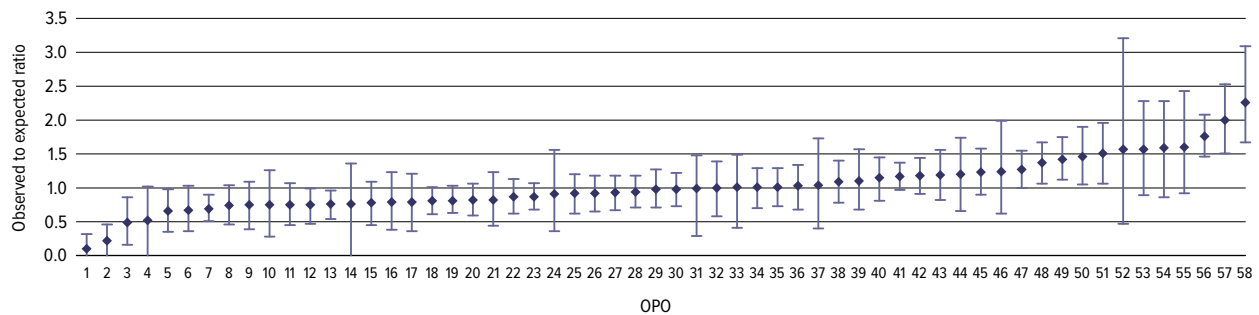
Donor yield provides a measure of organs transplanted per donor. Expected yield is estimated from statistical models. These models take into account various characteristics that are not under the control of the OPOs. For variables used, see figures for the individual organs (Figures 1.5–10).

organ-specific donation rates



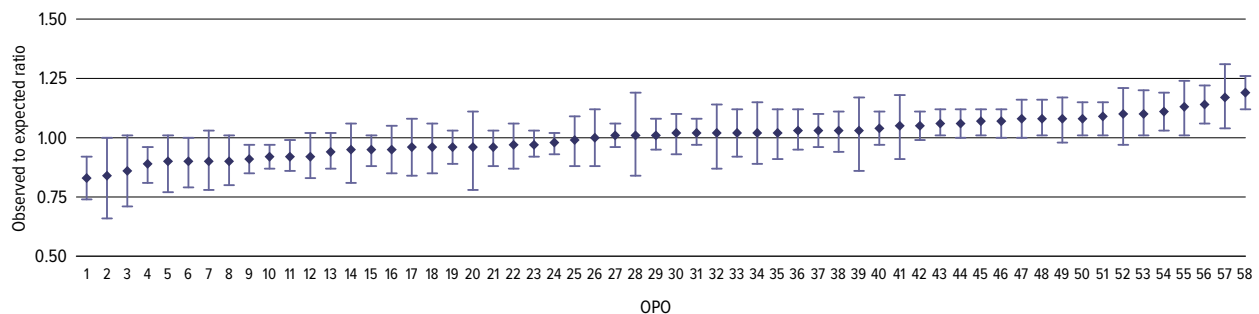
DOD 1.5 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (O/E), 2011: kidney

Donor yield provides a measure of organs transplanted per donor. Expected yield is estimated from statistical models. These models take into account various characteristics that are not under the control of the OPOs. Variables used in the model: age, gender, blood type, cause of death, circumstances of death, mechanism of death, clinical infection present, cigarette use, cocaine use, heavy alcohol consumption, CDC high risk donor, history of diabetes, insulin dependence, history of hypertension, history of cancer, DCD, cardiac arrest after brain death, hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis B core antibody, hepatitis C antibody, serum creatinine, organ recovered outside the contiguous 48 states?



DOD 1.6 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (O/E), 2011: pancreas

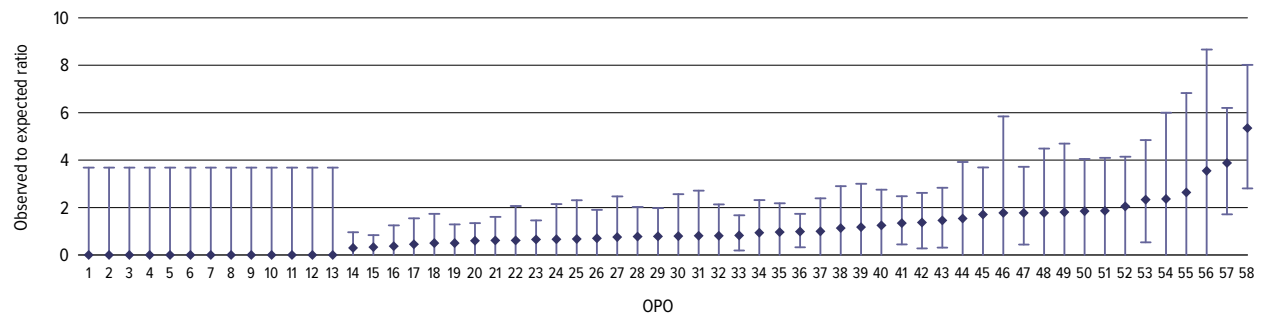
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DOD 1.7 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (O/E), 2011: liver

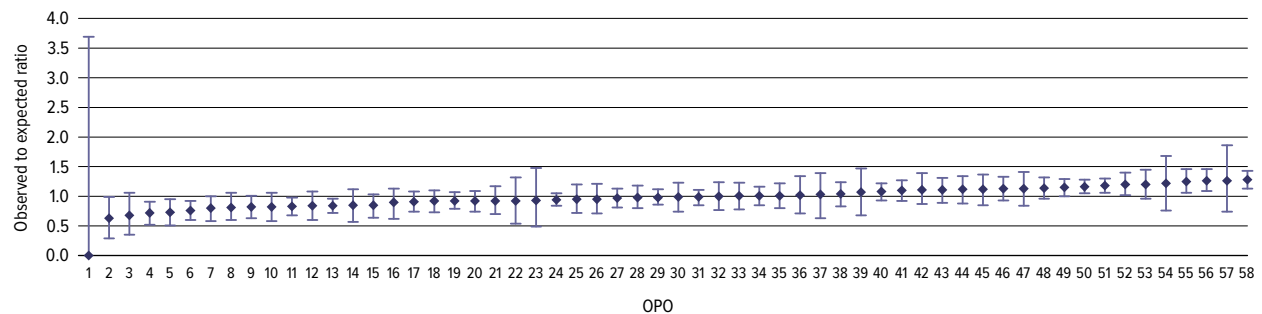
Donor yield provides a measure of organs transplanted per donor. Expected yield is estimated from statistical models. These models take into account various characteristics that are not under the control of the OPOs. Variables used in the model: age, BMI, race/ethnicity, blood type, cause of death, circumstances of death, clinical infection present, cigarette use, cocaine use, other drug use, heavy alcohol consumption, CDC high risk donor, history of diabetes, insulin dependence, DCD, DCD controlled, cardiac arrest after brain death, lung pO₂ terminal value, hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis B core antibody, hepatitis C antibody, organ recovered outside the contiguous 48 states?

organ-specific donation rates



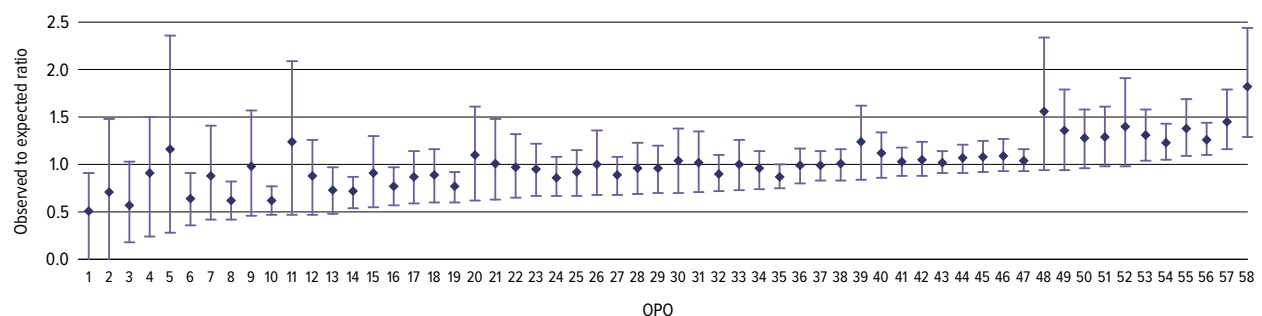
DOD 1.8 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (O/E), 2011: intestine

Donor yield provides a measure of organs transplanted per donor. Expected yield is estimated from statistical models. These models take into account various characteristics that are not under the control of the OPOs. Variables used in the model: history of diabetes, insulin dependence, DCD, hepatitis B surface antigen.



DOD 1.9 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (O/E), 2011: heart

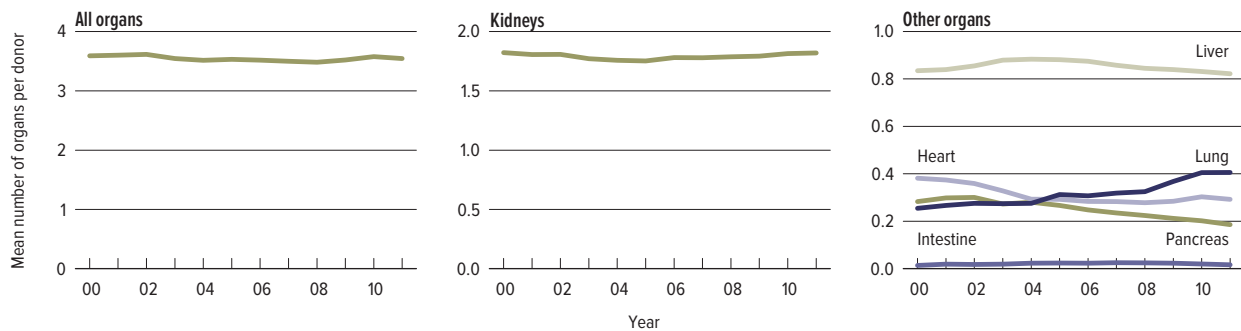
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DOD 1.10 Donor yield: observed to expected ratio (O/E), 2011: lung

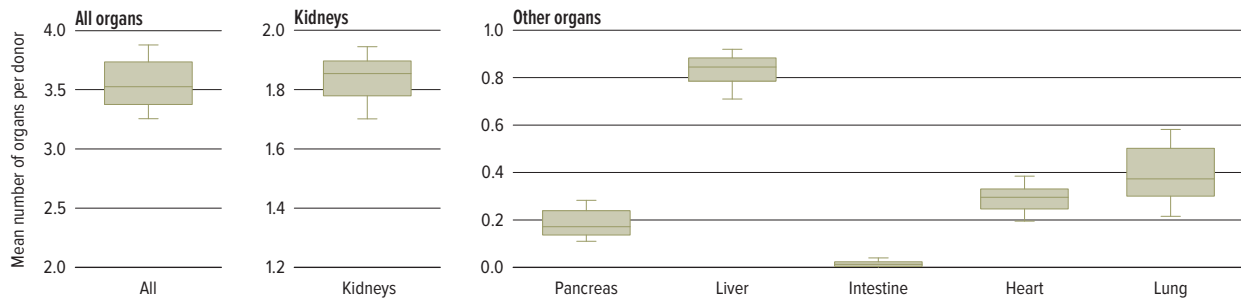
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organs recovered per donor



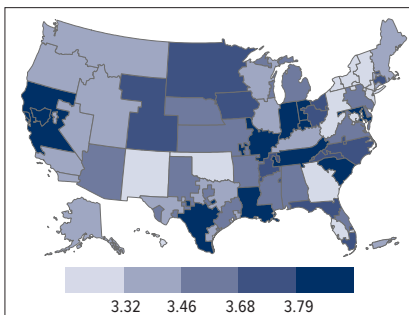
DOD 2.1 Organs recovered per donor (ORPD)

Organs recovered per donor is the average number of organs recovered per donor, calculated as the sum of recovered organs and by organ type, i.e., in the case of kidneys recovered, up to two kidneys can be recovered from an individual donor, while only one heart can be recovered from each donor.



DOD 2.2 Organs recovered per donor (ORPD), by DSA, 2011

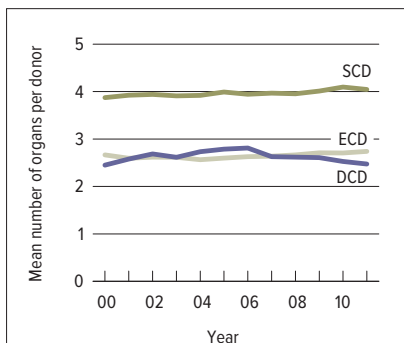
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DOD 2.3 Organs recovered per donor (ORPD), by DSA, 2011

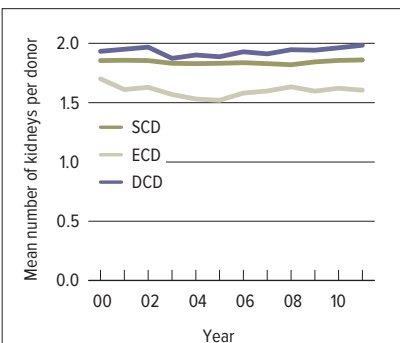
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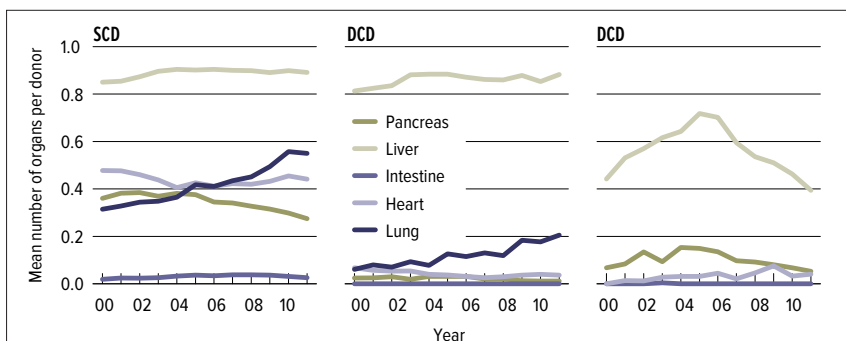
DOD 2.4 Organs recovered per donor (ORPD), by SCD, DCD, & ECD status

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DOD 2.5 Kidneys recovered per donor (ORKPD), by SCD, DCD, & ECD status

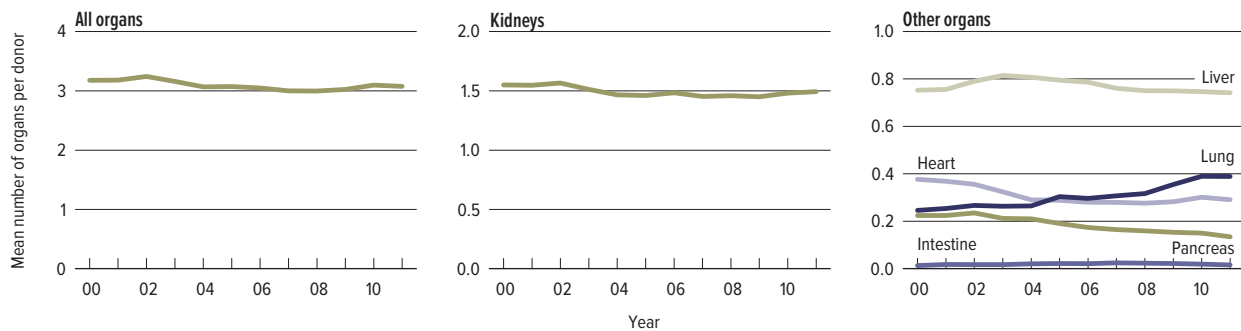
Kidneys recovered per donor is calculated as the sum of recovered kidneys; up to two kidneys can be recovered from an individual donor.



DOD 2.6 Other organs recovered per donor (ORPD), by SCD, DCD, & ECD status

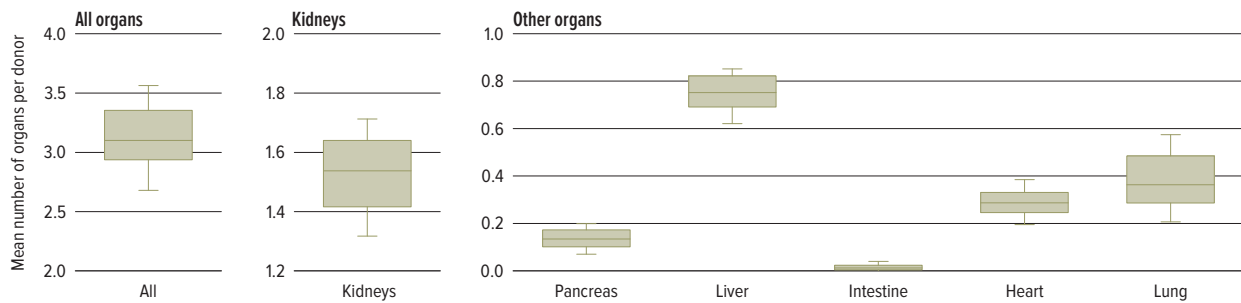
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organs transplanted per donor



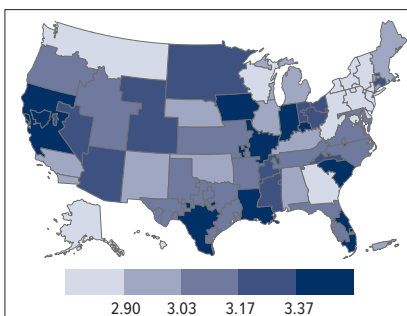
DOD 3.1 Organs transplanted per donor (OTPD)

Organs transplanted per donor is the average number of organs transplanted per donor. Organs divided into segments (liver, lung, pancreas, intestine) may account for more than one transplant, so the number transplanted may exceed the number recovered. Based on a count of recovered organs that are transplanted, which differs from the number of transplant operations.



DOD 3.2 Organs transplanted per donor (OTPD), by DSA, 2011

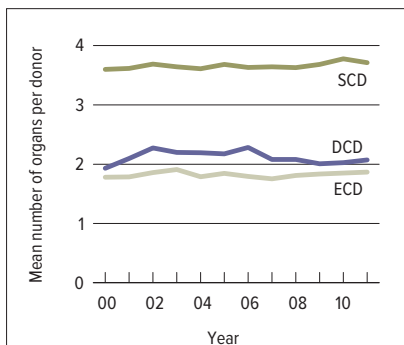
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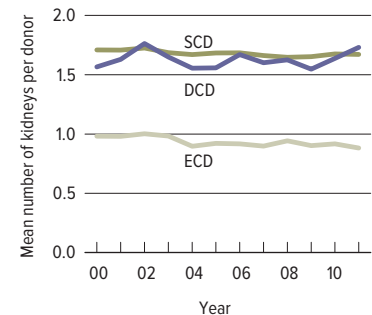
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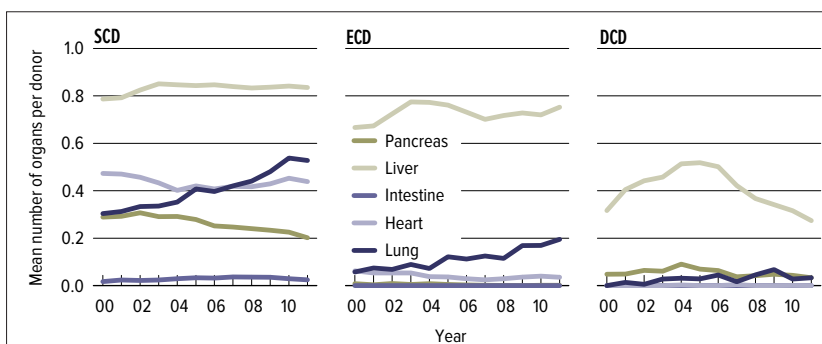
DOD 3.4 Organs transplanted per donor (OTPD), by SCD, DCD, & ECD status

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DOD 3.5 Kidneys transplanted per donor (OTPD), by SCD, DCD, & ECD status

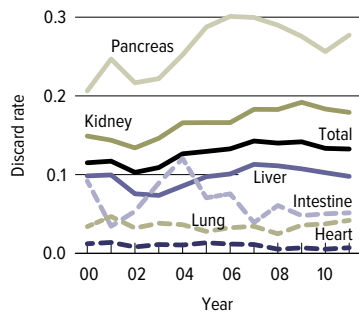
Kidneys transplanted per donor is the average number of kidneys transplanted per donor. Based on a count of recovered kidneys that are transplanted, which differs from the number of transplant operations.



DOD 3.6 Other organs transplanted per donor (ORPD), by SCD, DCD, & ECD status

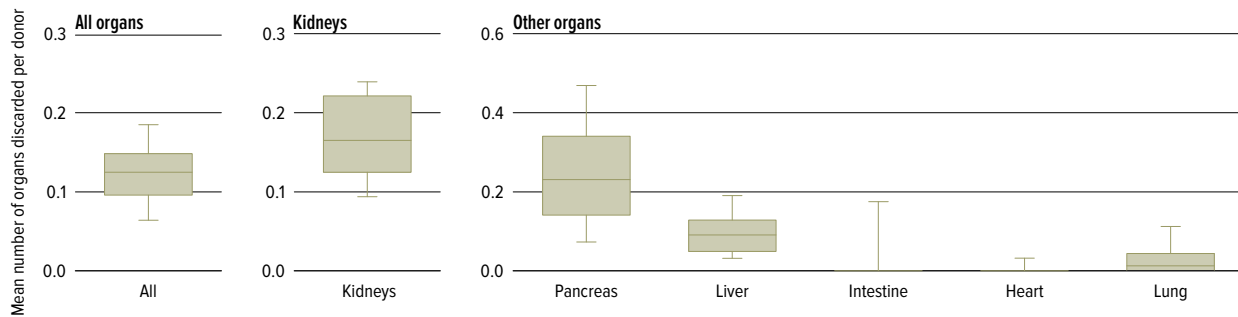
Organs transplanted per donor is the average number of organs transplanted per donor. Organs divided into segments (liver, lung, pancreas, intestine) may account for more than one transplant, so the number transplanted may exceed the number recovered. Based on a count of recovered organs that are transplanted, which differs from the number of transplant operations.

organ discards | expanded criteria donors



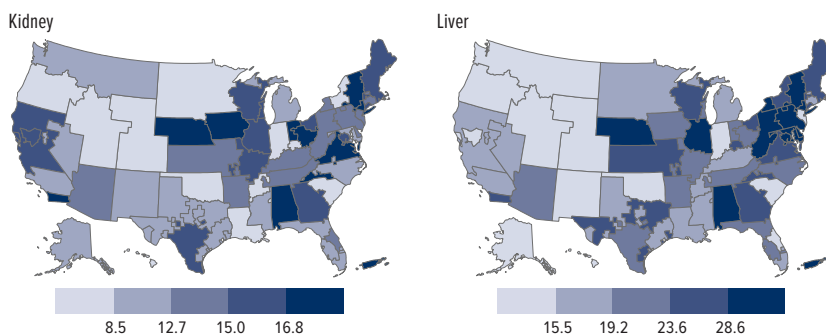
DOD 4.1 Organ discard rates for organs recovered for transplantation

Organ discard rate is calculated as the difference between the number of organs recovered and the number of organs transplanted, divided by the number of organs recovered.



DOD 4.2 Variation in organ discard rates, by DSA, 2011

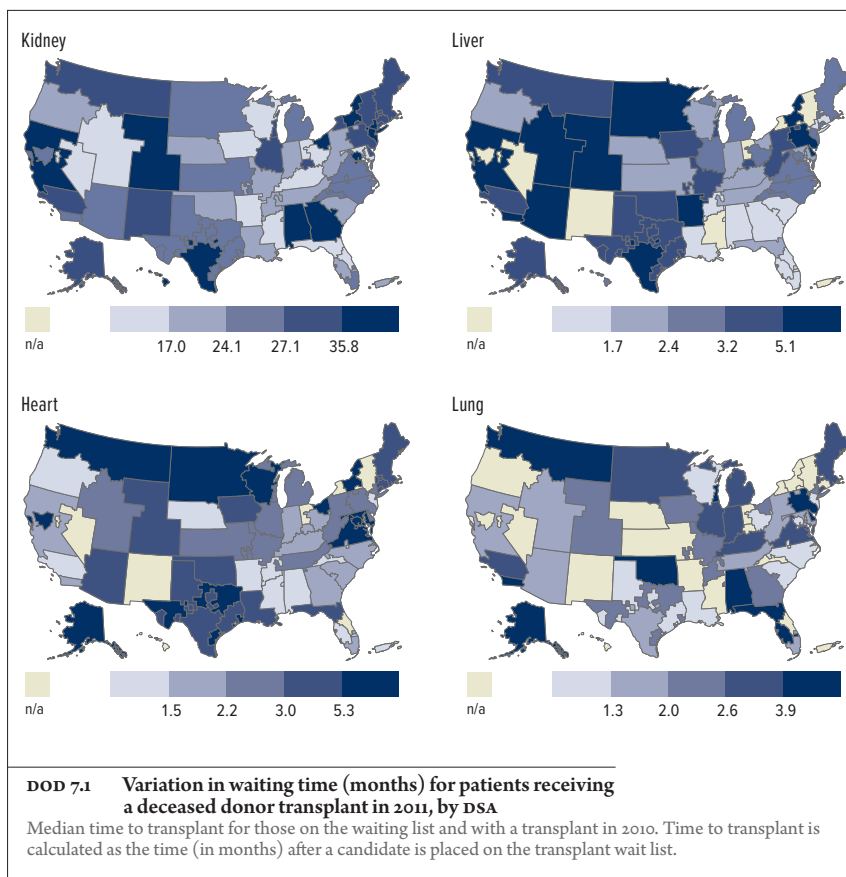
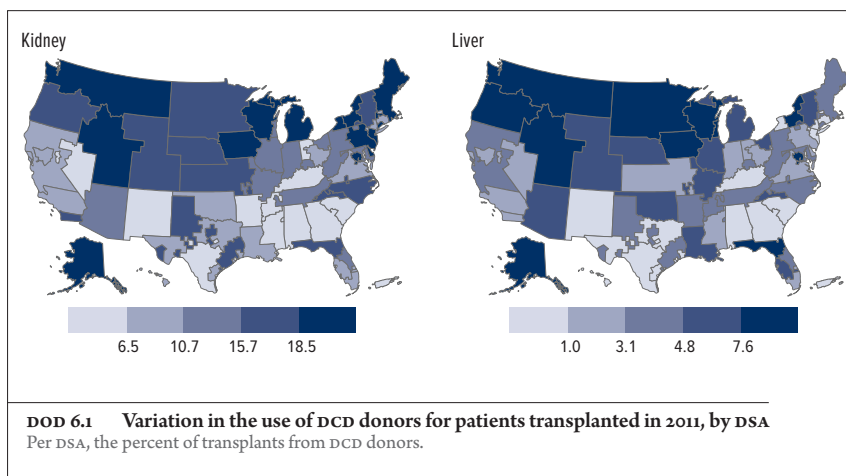
Organ discard rate is calculated as the difference between the number of organs recovered and the number of organs transplanted, divided by the number of organs recovered.



DOD 5.1 Variation in the use of ECD donors for patients transplanted in 2011, by DSA

Per DSA, the percent of transplants from ECD donors.

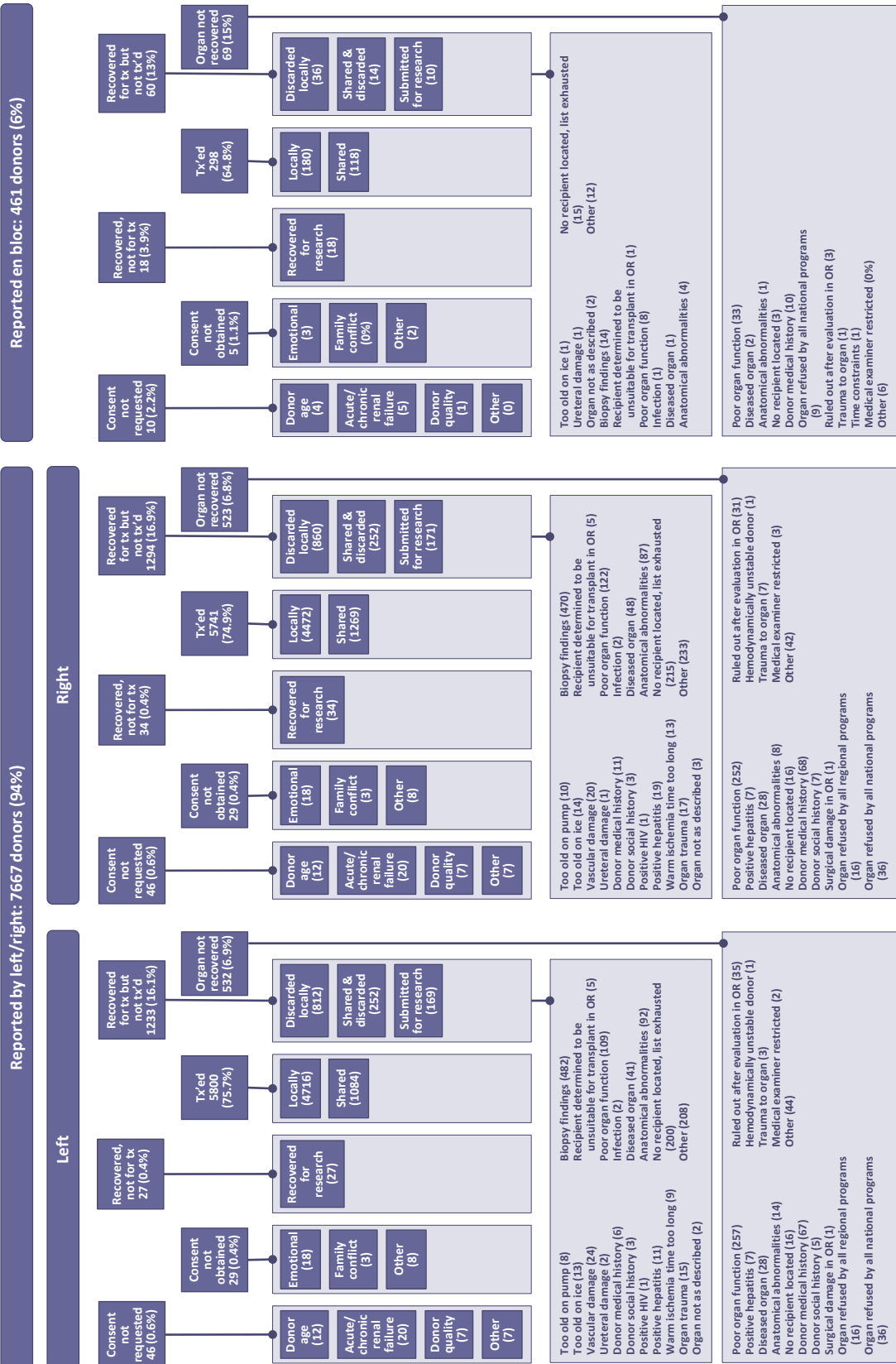
donations after cardiac death | waiting time



DOD 8.1 organ use: kidney

Kidney

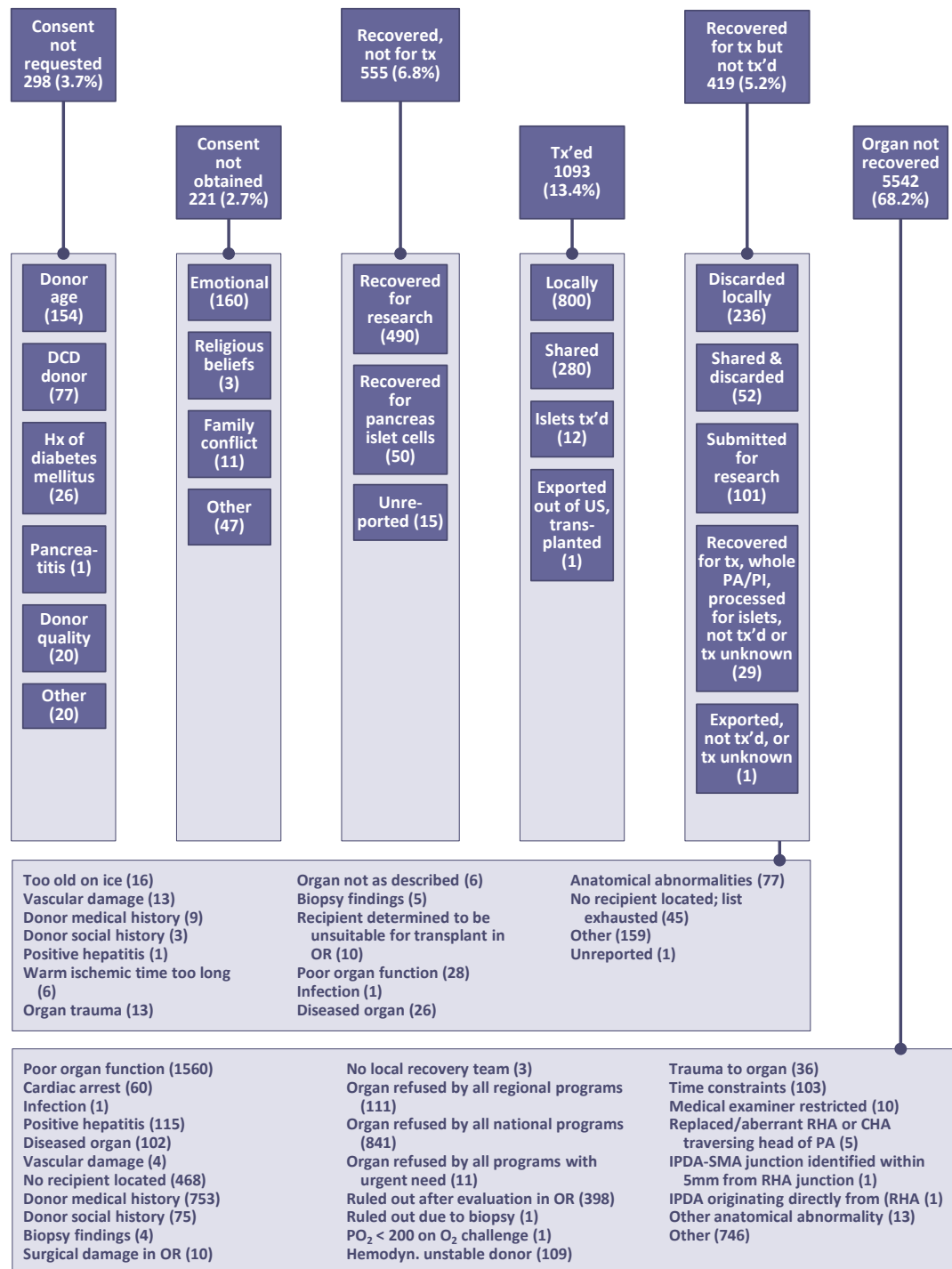
2011: 8128 donors (16256 kidneys)



DOD 8.2 organ use: pancreas

Pancreas

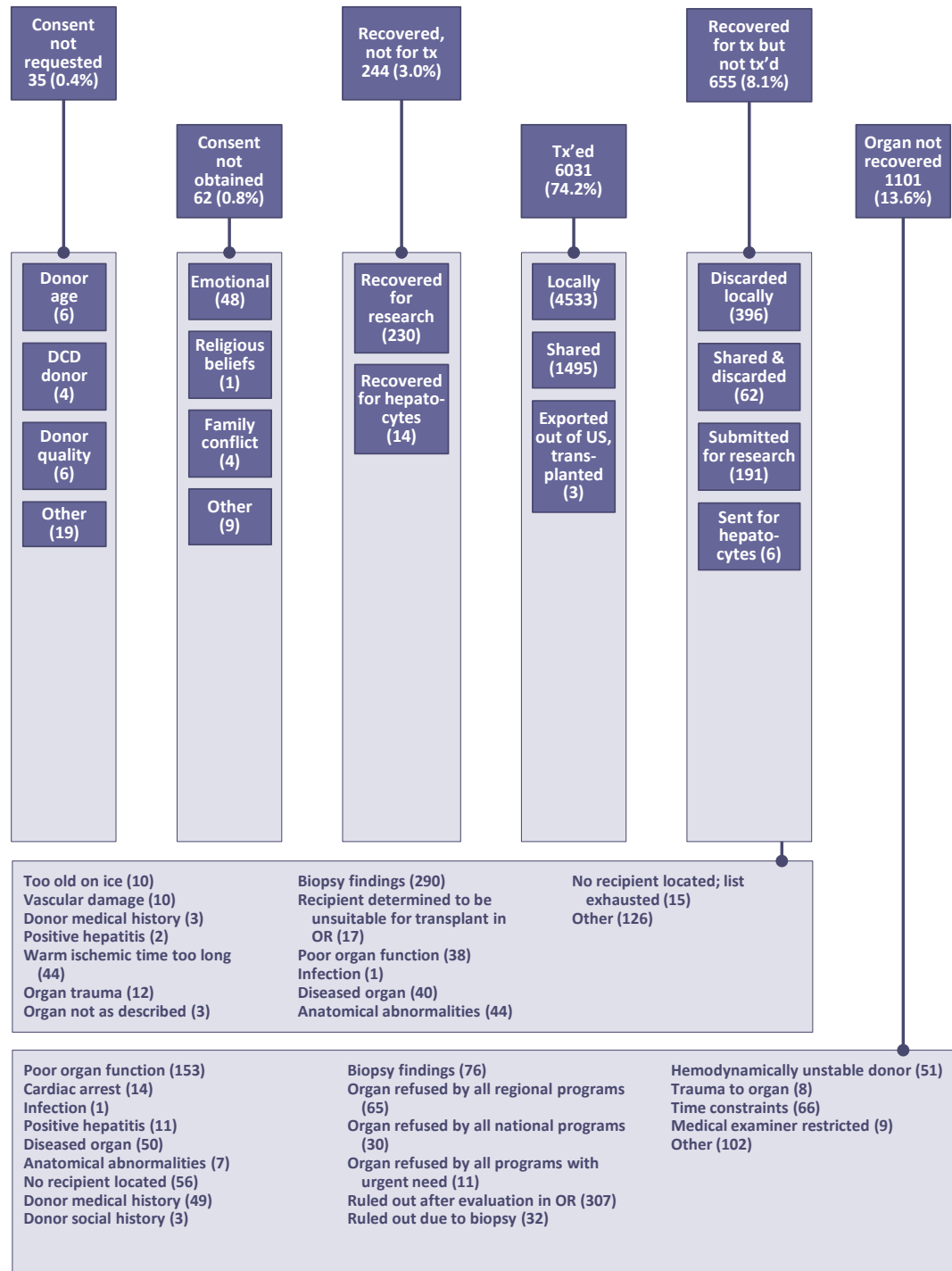
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DOD 8.3 organ use: liver

Liver

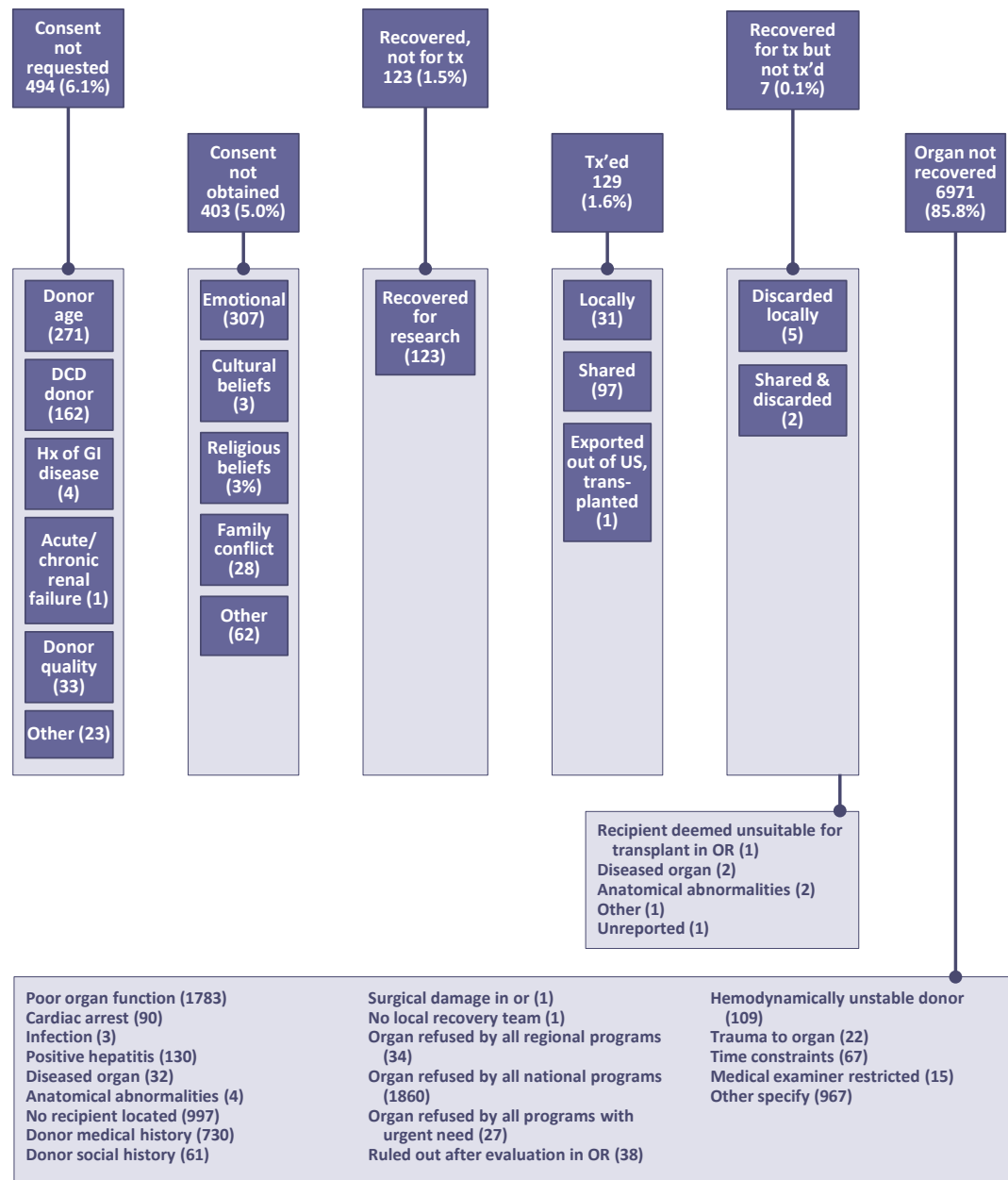
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DOD 8.4 organ use: intestine

Intestine

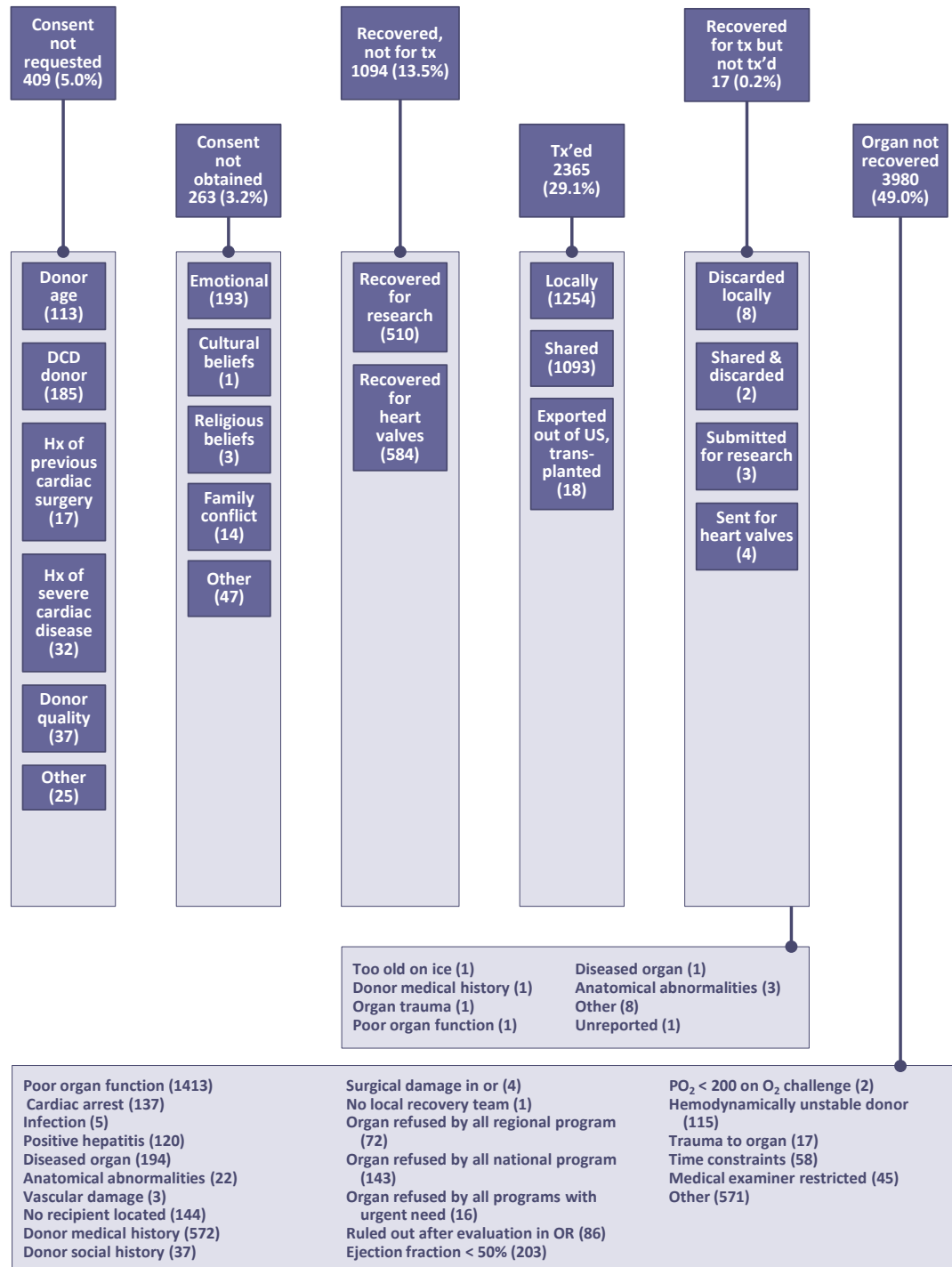
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DOD 8.5 organ use: heart

Heart

2011: 8128 donors



DOD 8.6 organ use: lung

Lung

2011: 8128 donors

