

Minority Donor Statistics

U.S. and Florida

Introduction

- AHCA wants to increase the number of people registered as organ and tissue donors.
- And encourage people to see a doctor for the treatments that can help prevent organ failure.

What is transplanted?

- Kidney transplants are the most frequently performed organ transplants in the U.S.
- Liver and heart transplants are the second and third most frequent.
- Transplants of the eye's cornea is a type of *tissue* transplant.

Kidney Failure

- More than 85% of African-Americans registered are waiting for a kidney donation.
- Minorities are 3 times more likely to develop kidney failure.
- Diabetes and high blood pressure cause 75% of chronic kidney failure.

Liver Failure

- Cirrhosis is the most common reason for liver transplants.
- Alcoholism can cause cirrhosis.
- Infection with the hepatitis C virus can cause cirrhosis.

Waiting List

- In Florida, 29% of people waiting for a donation are African-American.
- And 15% are Hispanic.
- Over 3,000 are waiting in Florida.
- Nationwide there are 85,000 registered requests.

Minority Donations Are Increasing

- African-American donations are up 50% in the U.S. since 1995.
- Hispanic donations are up 85%.
- In Florida, African-American donations were 11% of total.
- Hispanic donations were 14%.

What This Means

- Many people have been given the “gift of life” because of organ and tissue donations.
- See a doctor regularly to maintain *your* health.
 - Get checked for high blood pressure and blood sugar.
 - Follow-up as the doctor prescribes.

Next Steps

- Register your wishes regarding organ and tissue donations today!
- Tell your family so they will be aware of your decision.

Sources

- National Institutes of Health
<http://health.nih.gov/>
- The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) <http://www.optn.org/data/>
 - *Note:* Minority organ donation statistics are based on OPTN data as of May 30, 2003.