

Organ Donation:

A System That Works

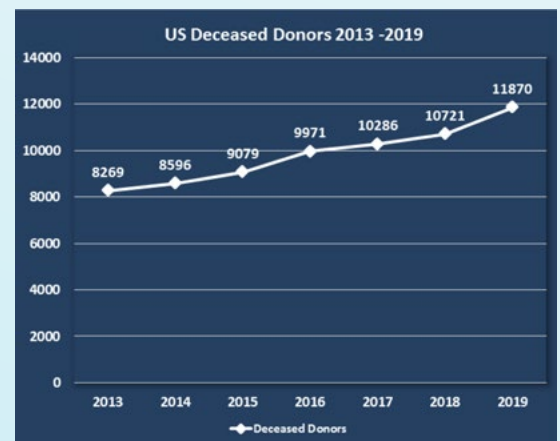
Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) are the lynchpin of the United States' highly complex organ donation and transplant system, which is widely recognized as the best in the world, according to the Global Observatory of Donation and Transplantation.

OPOs are non-profit organizations that were designated by the federal government nearly 40 years ago to facilitate organ donation and transplant across the United States. Today, 58 OPOs work with hospitals and other healthcare organizations in their designated geographic areas to recover organs from deceased donors and make them available to those who need transplants.

The lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans have been saved thanks to this dedicated and finely-tuned network of OPO, which has been continually improving and advancing transplant science for the past 40 years.

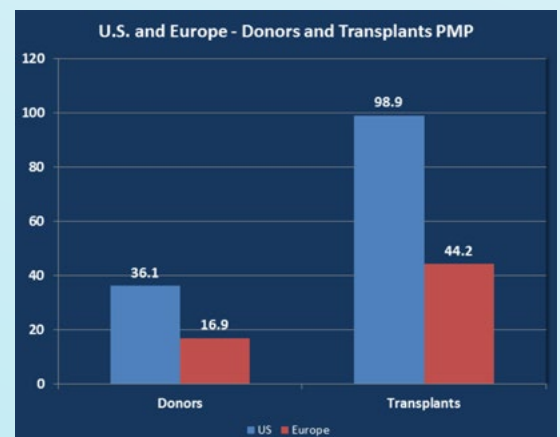
A HIGH-FUNCTIONING, STABLE SYSTEM

- OPOs collectively save the lives of more than 32,000 transplant patients each year.¹
- Over the past seven years, thanks to the innovation and dedication of OPOs, the number of organs transplanted in the U.S. has increased nearly 50%.¹
- OPOs increased the number of donors by 10.7% in 2019, the 9th consecutive record-breaking year for donation in the United States.⁴
- From 2018 to 2019, 41 of the 58 OPOs set new all-time annual records for organ donation.⁴
- OPOs contribute to the greater community by providing public education about donation to maintain the donor registry and increase the number of people who decide to give this precious gift. OPOs offer education through high school and driver's education programs, partnerships with driver's license bureaus, workplaces, faith-based outreach and a wide variety of community events.
- OPOs support their local economies by employing approximately 8,000 professionals across the country who contribute to the success of the system and provide life-long support to donor families and transplant recipients.



THE BEST IN THE WORLD

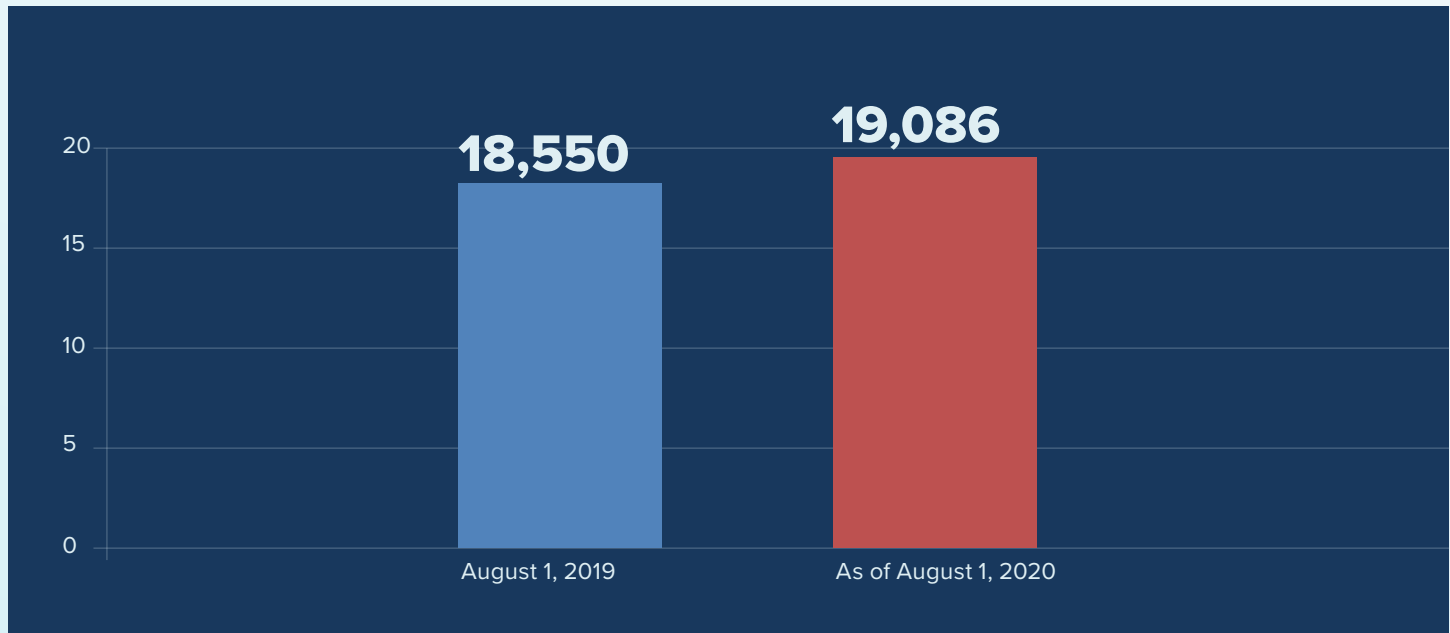
- The U.S. organ transplant system is ranked the best in the world, a rare accolade in the U.S. healthcare system.³
- The U.S. has the highest transplant rate of any other country in the world, with a donation rate that is nearly double that of the total of Europe.³



CONTINUED SUCCESS DURING COVID-19

OPOs have demonstrated their resilience and ingenuity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their commitment to continuing transplants during this time is a testament to their expertise, innovative spirit and devotion to their mission.

In fact, despite the worst human health crisis in recent history, America's OPOs had facilitated 19,086 deceased donor transplants as of August 1 — 536 more than the number of transplants at the same point last year.⁵



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