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Organ Donation Reform

posted by **Bill Remak** on 22 Dec 2009 at 12:31 pm

It is clear that the notion of dependence on altruism is not working as we are seeing a transplant die every hour while waiting for a life saving organ. A more aggressive program to save lives is needed. This is a step in the right direction. If it were your child or husband or wife, you would want them to survive and the best way that can be achieved is if all people were donors and only those whose families or by living will had an objection or opted out were exempted. Also those that were living donors would receive some compensation from the recipient's insurance plan to make up for lost wages or income while recovering and any future health issues that were related to the donation. For deceased donors it would be a gracious circumstance for the health insurance of the recipient to contribute to the funeral expenses of the donor or a trust for their children as an act of respect for the legacy of their gift. This would reduce significantly the suffering and needless loss of life occurring today. One day in the future the vision of stem cell research may result in the organ transplantation concern becoming obsolete because of new science but until we are there we must be smart and act with humanity toward humankind. This is something we have solutions to that will save lives now and tomorrow. The current policies must change in the United States because patients will resort to medical tourism to save their lives. You would too!

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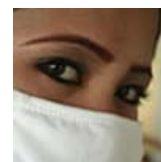
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