

Region: Eastern Mediterranean
Country: Iran (Islamic Republic Of)



GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE COUNTRY

<http://www.who.int/countries/irn/en/>

Total population (million inhabitants)*:

75.0

* Population source (2009): UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund

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ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM

www.transplant-observatory.org

The Department of Transplantation & Special Diseases is responsible for the national coordination of donation and transplantation activities. It is under the Ministry of Health and is financed by public funds. In addition to the national coordination, there are coordinating institutions at provincial/regional level.

The organization is responsible for coordinating the promotion of organ donation, the setting up of protocols, guidelines and recommendations, managing waiting lists, coordinating organ procurement, allocation and transplant follow-up registries.

Iran has National Technical and Ethics Advisory Committees dedicated to donation and transplantation issues. There is a surveillance system based on the reporting of adverse events in the process, reactions and untoward consequences in organ transplant recipients at national level; and there is surveillance system of donation complications in live organ donors.

Iran has systems for the collection and analysis of data on donation and transplantation activities, including donation processing registries, post-transplant recipients follow-up and living donor follow-up registries. Furthermore, there are standards related to donor detection, donor management, procurement, selection of recipients, compatibility testing, storage and transportation, allocation and screening for transmissible diseases of deceased donors. There are also standards, written instructions or guidance in place related to the donor evaluation and screening for transmissible diseases of living donors.

Iran holds national training programmes to harmonize practices for staff involved in organ procurement and organ transplantation.

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LEGISLATION

Iran has specific legislation for organ procurement and transplantation. The health care institutions and hospitals have to be officially authorized for retrieval and transplantation. The certification of death is required by law, regarding the irreversible cessation of brain and brain stem function and the irreversible cessation of cardio-respiratory functions in tissue donors. Explicit consent is the legal requirement for donation from deceased donors, through Family consent and National Donor Card.

Unrelated living donation is allowed without special pre-requirements. The pre-requisite to living organ donation is the written consent of the donor and consent from wife/husband in case of married cases or parents in case of single cases. The identical nationality of donor and recipient for organ transplantation is a must.

Actual expenditures of living donation are covered so that the donor is not responsible for them.

There are supplementary incentives for living donors; Governmental incentive system named Gift for Altruism. Giving or receiving payment as compensation for living kidney in addition to Gift for Altruism is common.

Traceability is not a requirement in the legislation and the import and export of organs are prohibited.

