

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR WILL

There are five ways to declare while you are alive your desire to donate organs, tissues and cells.

— At the Municipal Registry Office, when issuing or renewing the identity card.

— At one of the URP offices of your local health authority, by filling out the appropriate form.

— By registering with Aido or through the Aido App.

— By filling out the Ministry's blue card, downloadable online. The card must be signed, dated and kept among your personal documents.

— By writing a declaration with your own hands on a blank sheet of paper, also called a "holographic deed", complete with date and signature. This declaration must also be kept among your personal documents.

- The first three modalities are recorded directly in the SIT, the database of the National Transplant Center.

- Your declaration can be modified at any time.

Hospital Procurement Coordination (COP)

The Hospital Procurement Coordination (COP) is responsible for coordinating all activities related to organ and tissue donation.

In the Ferrara area the offices are located:

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DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION OF ORGANS, TISSUES AND CELLS

6 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR OWN WILL

1 WHAT IS A TRANSPLANT. Transplant is an effective and well-established therapy for some serious diseases that affect people, for which it remains the only possible therapy. Transplantation depends on the availability of organs, cells and tissues; that is, on the generosity of donors. Those waiting for a transplant usually have no other choice.

3 WHEN A PERSON DIES CAN HE DONATE? Donation after death can only occur after the person's death has been declared and certified, according to cardiological or neurological criteria.

5 WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO BECOME A DONORS AFTER DEATH? Expressing your will to donate while you are alive is a guarantee that your choices will be respected and relieves your loved ones from the responsibility of having to decide for you. To express your will, you just need to be of age.

2 WHAT IS DONATION. Donation is a voluntary, conscious, informed, conscientious, ethical, supportive, anonymous and free act. It occurs in complete guarantee of respect for privacy, both of the donor and the recipient. It is therefore a **gift** that one can choose to give and that can save many lives.

4 HOW DOES DONATION HAPPEN? The procedures for Organ and tissue removals are performed free of charge in the facilities of the National Health System. These are surgical procedures performed by expert teams and are performed with absolute respect for the integrity of the deceased person.

6 UP TO WHAT AGE CAN YOU DONATE? There is no age limit to be a donor. Donating is a choice for others and a choice for yourself.

