Organ Donation

What is Organ Donation?
Organ Donation is a decision that many people make after careful thought and consideration. However, becoming a donor is very simple. You can register online as an organ, tissue and eye donor by visiting www.donatelifearkansas.org.

If you register online then you can change your personal information and/or your donation choices.

IMPORTANT: You will still need to contact the Arkansas Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA) if you want your name removed from the online registry.

IMPORTANT: If you register online, your driver's license will not indicate that you are a donor unless you have already registered with the DMV. You can print a donor registration card if you register online, although it is not necessary to carry this card with you. You must have a valid Arkansas driver's license or Arkansas state identification card to register online. See the section on registering with the Arkansas Department of Motor Vehicles for more information.

Who is ARORA?
The Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA) was established in 1987 as non-profit, independent organ procurement agency. ARORA is headquartered in Little Rock with a regional office in Fayetteville. ARORA is certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and receives fees for medical services provided through Medicare and transplant hospitals.

The three organ transplant centers in Arkansas are located in Little Rock. They include:
- Arkansas Children's Hospital
- Baptist Medical Center
- University Hospital (UAMS)

The above transplant centers perform heart and kidney transplants. UAMS also performs liver transplants. There many surgical centers throughout Arkansas that performs tissue transplants (such as bone, skin, and cornea grafts).

Arkansas Department of Motor Vehicles
It is easy to become a donor through the Arkansas Department of Motor Vehicles. There are also tax deductions for doing so.

When you apply for your driver's license or go in for a renewal, let the licensing desk know you want to become a donor. Once your license is printed, it will indicate your choice to be a donor.

If you wish to also register with ARORA online you must have a valid Arkansas driver's license or Arkansas state identification card.

Learn more about becoming an organ donor with the Arkansas Department of Motor Vehicles by visiting http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/driverServices/