
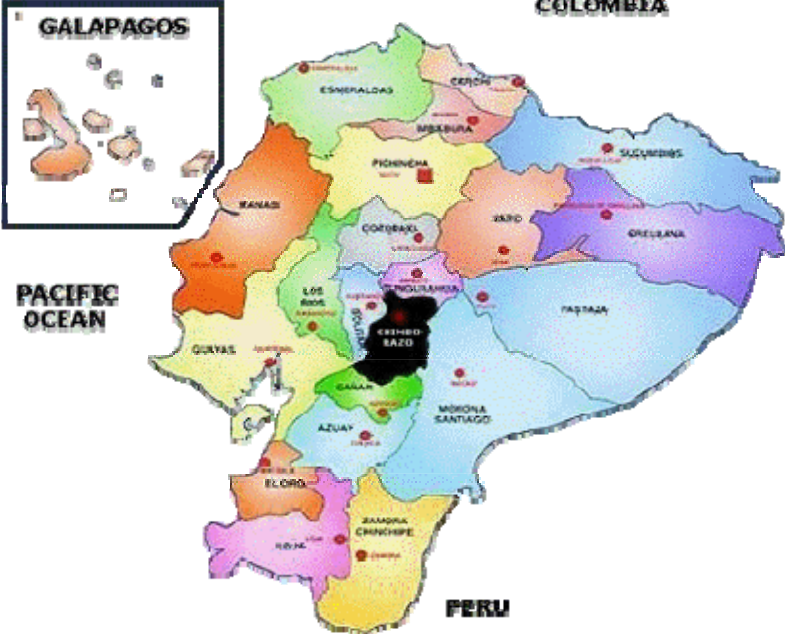


COUNTRY	ECUADOR	
Geography	272.031 square kilometres	Ecuador is located in the middle of the world. The Galapagos Islands are one of their main attractions
Population	12.156.608	
Legislation and Regulations	The country has a unique legislation for organ and tissue donation	Ley Nacional de Trasplantes de Organos y Tejidos 27 de Julio de 1994
Opt in Opt out Presumed		Family consent is necessary in all cases
Donor Register	There is no National Register	
Infra-structure		Organ and tissue donation is a very limited public health service. There is cost to many recipients for transplantation. There is no cost to donor families for donation.

Profile of Transplant Coordinators	Medical	Normally the transplants coordinators work daily in activities related to their medical specialty (Critical Care, Emergency, Nephrology, etc). The majority of them does not receive wage for the work as transplant coordinator
National Guidelines for Clinical Practice on Organ Donation	There is no National Guidelines	International Guidelines are used, especially Spanish guidelines
Organ Allocation and Exchange		For renal allocation and exchange, the country is divided in three regions (Quito, Guayaquil and Cuenca). Kidneys are offered to the home region first. Kidneys are only offered inter-region if they cannot be transplanted in the home region of the donor. Kidneys are matched using regional matching system.
Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)	Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5	There is no non-heart-beating donor program
Number of Potential Donating Hospitals		Quito 6 Guayaquil 5 Cuenca 3
Number of Transplant Centres		Quito 6 Guayaquil 5 Cuenca 3
Living Related Programs	Kidneys	Every region has a living related transplant program which accounts for around 85-90% of all kidneys transplanted in Ecuador There are National Guidelines for living related kidney transplantation

Statistics (websites)	2008	Grupo Punta de Coordinadores de Trasplantes Registro Iberoamericano de Donación y Trasplante http://www.grupopuntacana.org
Transplant Outcome Registries	Grupo Punta de Coordinadores de Trasplantes Registro Iberoamericano de Donación y Trasplante	http://www.grupopuntacana.org
Any current National Issues / Initiatives	<p>Implementation of national computer matching system</p> <p>Liver transplantation</p> <p>Promote the organ donation in the community</p>	<p>The ONT of Spain offers a national computer matching system and registry for donation and transplantation</p> <p>During 2009 cadaveric liver transplantation will probably begin</p> <p>Organ donation programs have begun in many target populations in Ecuador</p>

