



<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>	
<b>Geography</b>	814.578 square kilometres	
<b>Population</b>	71,517,100	
<b>Legislation and Regulations</b>		<p>-Law No: 2238 on the Harvesting, Storage, Grafting, and Transplantation of Organs and Tissues (June 3, 1979)  <i>The harvesting, storage, grafting, and transplantation of organ and tissues for treatment, diagnostic and scientific purposes are subject to the provisions of this law.</i></p> <p>-By-law on organ and Tissue Transplantation Services  <i>The principles and procedures which must be followed by the transplantation centers are subject to the provisions of this By- law.</i></p> <p>-Guideline on organ Transplantation Centres  <i>The authorization of the transplantation centers are subject to the provisions of this guideline.</i></p> <p>-Guideline on the National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Coordination System  <i>The allocation principles concerning cadaveric organs and tissues by the transplantation centers are subject to the provisions of this guideline.</i></p>

		-Guideline on National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Coordinator Training <i>Training and certification of the coordinators are subject to the provisions of this guideline.</i>
<b>Opt in Opt out Presumed</b>	Opt in	Opt-in practiced with family approached for consent in all cases, regardless of registered decision to donate
<b>Donor Register</b>		
<b>Infra-structure</b>	The Ministry of Health responsible for transplantation and donation activities.	
<b>Profile of Transplant Coordinators</b>	Medical or Nursing or both	Transplant coordinators are composed of doctors and nurses.
<b>National Guidelines for Clinical Practice on Organ Donation</b>		
<b>Organ Allocation and Exchange</b>	Turkey has nine regions in organ allocation system. Except for emergencies, all organs are offered to the region. Organs are only offered interregionally if they cannot be transplanted in the	

	region of the donor. Kidneys are matched using a national computer matching system.	
<b>Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)</b>		No legislation and regulation about cardiac death. For this reason, there is no DCD.
<b>Number of Potential Donating Hospitals</b>		Each hospital with respiratory devices in the intensive care units has a potential for cadaveric donation. The total number of the respiratory devices in the hospitals of Turkey wide is 2727.
<b>Number of Transplant Centres</b>	-42 Kidney Transplant Centers -16 Heart and Lung Transplant Centers -1 Lung Transplant Center -24 Liver Transplant Centers	
<b>Living Related Programs</b>	-Kidney -Liver	Kidney and liver transplantations from the living donor can be performed from the related donors until fourth grade (including affiliated through marriage). Outside the scope of this, donor candidates are evaluated by ethics board in organ transplantation centers. If ethics board approve, the transplantation is realized.
<b>Statistics (websites)</b>		Websites of statistics is not available. Statistical information may be requested from the Ministry of Health.
<b>Transplant Outcome Registries</b>		Not available. As of 2009, transplant outcomes have been started to collect by the Ministry of Health. In this context, data relating to date of transplantation, kind of transplantation (kind of organ, cadaveric or living), tissue type of patient and donor, blood type of patient and donor, patient's current situation (alive, dead or retransplantation, date of death, reason of death, date of retransplantation),

		graft loss and any other matters that may be important. The data will be published in the middle of 2009.
<b>Any current National Issues / Initiatives</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Training healthcare personnel dealing with notification of brain deaths, especially the donor coordinators, anesthesiologists, neurosurgeons and neurologists.</li><li>- Public awareness campaigns and education.</li></ul>