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To address the urgent and growing problems of organ sales, transplant tourism and trafficking in organ donors in the context of the global shortage of organs







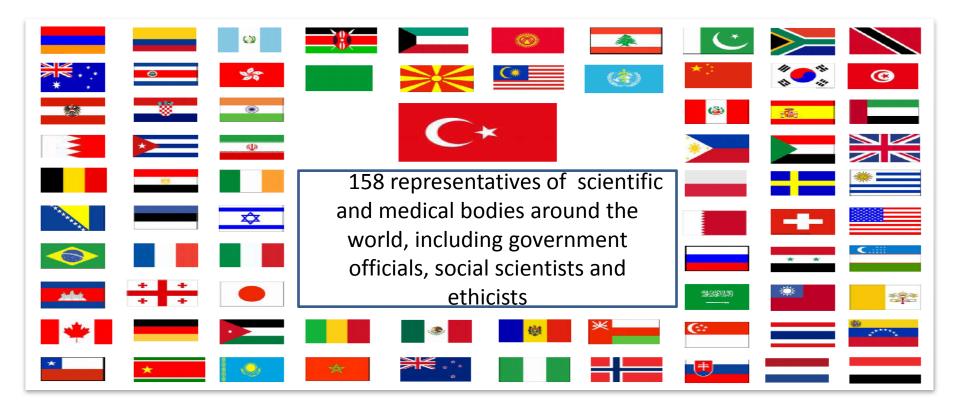
By Whom?

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The Istanbul Summit







The Declaration of Istanbul: Definitions

Travel for transplantation is the movement of organs, donors, recipients or transplant professionals across jurisdictional borders for transplantation purposes.

Travel for transplantation is considered an acceptable practice





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Travel for transplantation becomes transplant tourism if:

1.It involves organ trafficking and/or transplant commercialism.

OR

2.The resources (organs, professionals and transplant centers) devoted to providing transplants to patients from outside a country or region, undermine the country's ability to provide transplant services for its own population



What is organ trafficking?



Living or Deceased donor

Gaining financially

Recruit by means of:

- threat
- use of force
- other forms of coercion
- abduction
- fraud
- deception
- the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability

Where a third party is involved:

- recruiting the donor
- receiving payments or benefits
- have potential control over the donor



Summary of the Principles



Screening and prevention programs

• Should be implemented by local governments

Recovery of organs from deceased and living donors

• Should be legislated by local governments according to international standards

Allocation

• Should be equitable and fair

Medical care for living donors

• Short and longterm care should be provided

Transplant commercialism

• Should be avoided/prohibited to protect impoverished and vulnerable donors as it could lead to inequity and injustice





Available on the website

- Full text of the Declaration of Istanbul
- Some proposals on how to promote the ethical practice of donation and transplantation
- Latest information on organ trafficking
- Patient Information Brochure translated into many languages

Patient Information brochure





Do not break the law

The Declaration of Istanbul

In 2008, a group of leading medical experts from around the world met in Istanbul, Turkey to develop strategies to prevent organ trafficking and transplant tourism.

The group well appreciates the desperation feit by many patients in need of a transplant. It put forth a number of principles and proposals designed to promote both deceased and living donor transplantation around the world in a manner that protects the health and welfare of both recipients and donors while ending exploitation. They developed a policy document called The Declaration of Istanbul.

In 2010, the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG) was formed to promote the principles of the Declaration internationally. The DICG is sponsored by two major international professional organizations, The Transplantation Society (TTS) and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). More than 80 International professional societies and governmental agencies have endorsed the Declaration of Istanbul



For more information: DECLARATION OF ISTANBUL CUSTODIAN GROUP

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1 Introduction

For many patients with end-stage kidner disease transplantation is the treatment o choice. Transplantation is a sophisticate procedure requiring an experienced team o surgeons and nephrologists in an advance hospital environment. Kidneys transplant may come from a deceased donor or a living donor.

The availability of a deceased donor kidner and its allocation to you will depend or practices that are specific to your country or residence and are not discussed furthe here.

A living kidney donor is typically a doss blood relative. In some countries a legal o emotional relationship (such as a spouse partner, or friend) may be acceptable for donation. In each of these cases the act o donation is done willingly as an expression of love, trust, and mutual concern. The donor and recipient each care that the othe has a safe and successful outcome Transplants like this are performed openig and legally, and the outcome is typically excellent for both the recipient and thy donor from a medical, psychological, and social point of view.

There is however, another source of living donor kidneys. Some people, in dirt financial distress, may be willing to sell on of their kidneys. The buying and selling o kidneys is called "transplan commercialism", and it is illegal in almostal countries of the world. Kidneys taken fron executed prisoners are also somettimes sold.

This brochure discusses some of the implications for you in buying a kidney and is meant to discourage you from taking this step even out of desperation.

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Over 100 endorsing organizations...



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Do you have a statement endorsing the declaration on your website?

Do you have a link to the declaration's website on your own society's website?

What can your professional organization do?

Do you use the patient brochure for your patients?

Do you make sure local presentations and journal articles oblige to the declaration?

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Together...



With your help...



We can stop organ trafficking