

Issues related to the procurement of organs and tissues for transplantation and research purposes have direct bearing on death investigation systems because a substantial source of organs and tissues are the human bodies examined by medical examiners and coroners during their death investigations. Issues sometimes arise regarding the relative priorities about the need to preserve bodily evidence during death investigations and the potential benefits of providing organs and tissues for transplantation and research.

For more information on the National Organ and Tissue Donation Initiative, visit the [US Department of Health and Human Services' Web site](#) or contact: Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Transplantation, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-81, Rockville, MD 20857; 301-443-7577 (telephone); 301-594-6095 (fax). The US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) web site contains information about [organ/tissue donation](#) and transplantation as well as contact information for various organizations within most of the states.

The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) has a web site that provides information about transplant centers, organ and tissue procurement, donations, professionals, patients, and a variety of transplant-related issues as well as links to other relevant sites. The web site is at <http://www.UNOS.org>

The website for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network is <http://www.optn.org/resources/professionalResources.asp?index=3>

The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) has developed guidelines for medical examiners and coroners who deal with organ/tissue procurement issues. Copies may be obtained from the NAME Office, 430 Pryor Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30312. Phone 404-730-4781.

The Eye Bank Association of America has a web site at <http://www.restoresight.org> which contains information about cornea/eye procurement and also has links to many related organizations and state-based eye banks.