Fact OR Fiction

Organ & Tissue Donation

Answer Key

1. Organs and tissues from one deceased donor can save and enhance the lives of over 50 recipients and help them return to normal, healthy lives. **Fact** OR Fiction

2. The only organs that can be transplanted are the heart, kidney, lungs, liver, and intestine. Fiction - Kidney, liver, heart, lungs, intestines, AND PANCREAS. Fact OR **Fiction**

3. If doctors see that I am a registered donor they will be less likely to save my life in the event of an emergency. Fiction - Hospital staff will do everything they possibly can to save your life. Fact OR **Fiction**

4. Brain death is death. **Fact** OR Fiction

5. The only tissues that can be donated are skin and bone. Fiction - Corneas, bone, tendons, heart valves, veins, skin, musculoskeletal tissue, and nerves can all be donated. Fact OR **Fiction**

6. Tissue donations make up 99% of deceased donations. **Fact** OR Fiction

7. Although there is a serious shortage of available organs, almost everyone on the transplant waiting list eventually receives an organ. Fiction - Unfortunately, 17 people die every day while waiting for an organ transplant. There are currently over 100,000 people waiting. Fact OR **Fiction**

8. Placenta donation can enhance up to 100 lives. **Fact** OR Fiction

9. Famous or wealthy people are more likely than the average person to receive donated organs or tissue. Fiction - The rich and famous aren't given priority when it comes to allocating organs. It may seem that way because of the amount of publicity generated when a celebrity receives a transplant, but they are treated no differently from anyone else. The reality is that celebrity and financial status are not considered in organ allocation. Fact OR **Fiction**

10. Cornea transplants restore hearing. Fiction - Cornea transplants restore SIGHT. Fact OR **Fiction**

11. Almost all major religions support organ and tissue donation. **Fact** OR Fiction

12. If I was sick and needed an organ, I would accept that gift. **Fact** OR Fiction

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