The national transplant system is working

2020 sets all-time high for most lives saved by deceased organ donors

The U.S. has the highest-performing organ donation and transplant system in the world, even in the midst of a global pandemic. We have more organ donors and more annual transplants and we save more lives through organ donation than any other country.*

In other parts of the world, transplant rates have fallen significantly amid the spread of COVID-19. Despite a 50% drop in deceased donor transplantation early in the pandemic, the U.S. system proved its strength and resilience by recovering quickly and continuing to outperform itself.

Continuous improvement
As good as the U.S. organ transplantation system is, it needs to be even better to be able to serve the more than 100,000 people waiting for organs at any given time. UNOS is committed to driving continuous improvement to serve those patients and promote an ongoing increase in organ donation and transplants.

Learn more at unos.org about how the national organ donation and transplant system works.

*Global Observatory of Donation and Transplantation, Global Data
Based on OPTN data as of Jan. 11, 2020. Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction.