

## **THE DOHA DONATION ACCORD**

### **Principles:**

The primary objective of transplant policies and programs should be optimal medical care to promote the health of both donors and recipients. Financial considerations or material gain of any party must not override primary consideration for the health and well-being of donors and recipients.

Organ, Cells and Tissues for transplantation should be equitably allocated within Qatar to suitable Qataris and expatriate patients residing in Qatar alike, without regard to gender, ethnicity, religion, or social or financial status. Financial considerations or material gain of any party must not influence the application of relevant allocation rules.

These proposals are not intended for the living visitor to Qatar that has a temporary visa for brief stay in Qatar; however visitors with a temporary visa may be a deceased donor in Qatar.

### **Provisions for the Live Donor:**

1. **Medalling of Donors** – the act of heroism by a live donor will be acknowledged by His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani or Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Misnned or representative of the Qatari government by granting a medal of honor to the live donor in appreciation for their gift of life.  
Non governmental organizations such as the Red Cross or Kidney Foundation will participate in this annual ceremony
2. **Provisions for live donors – Governmental**
  - a) **Health Insurance for Life** is provided for the live donor following donation and irrespective of the medical condition following donation that requires health care.  
A medical condition that is identified prior to donation that renders the potential donor as medically unsuitable will be cared for without imposing a cost to the potential donor.
  - b) **Life Insurance** :  
All live donors will be granted a life insurance .
  - c) **Disability Insurance**:  
Disability Insurance is to be provided in accordance with national norms. If a disability occurs as a complication of the donation process including the investigations for evaluation, the donation procedure and post operative care.
  - d) **Allocation Priority** If the live donor develops end stage organ failure, the donor receives an allocation priority for transplantation.

**3. Non-fungible Privileges for live donors –Non Governmental Organizations (NGO)–**

All non governmental organizations will be able to share in the honoring of the donors in Qatar in the form of privilege they may choose to offer .

**4. Cover of expenses incurred during evaluation for donation and surrounding the donation procedure till discharge from hospital.**

**1. Transportation:**

- Flight tickets (home to Doha & back/economy) reimbursed as presented by the donor (for a matching related donor coming from outside Qatar to donate to a resident patient in Qatar).
- Transport to and from hospital will be provided by hospital transportation

**2. Accommodation :**

Housing Department in HMC will provide a suitable accommodation for donors who don't have residence in Doha.

**3. Telephone bills: Prepaid cards are provided to the donors to cover the period of preoperative preparation and hospitalization to contact his family and hospital staff.**

**4. Loss of wages :**

- Absence from work due to donation is considered as working days.
- A certified loss of payment due to absence from work during donation is reimbursed from the Organ Donation fund.

**5. Hospital expenses are covered by the hospital for the donor and the recipients .**

**Live Donors for whom the DDA is applicable:**

- Provisions of Doha Donation Accord are accessible only by Related Live Donors and Recipients Residing Permanently in Qatar (Qatari and Expatriates), and not for Visitors or Unrelated donors.
- Unrelated living donors in Qatar whether Visitors or Residents, Qatari or non Qatari, are not eligible for the Accord provisions.
- A Related Visitor traveling to Qatar for donation to a family member resident in Qatar may not become a beneficiary of the Accord provisions.
- These proposals are not applicable for the living visitor to Qatar that has a temporary visa for brief stay in Qatar to enable live donation; however, visitors with a temporary visa who unexpectedly die while in Qatar may be a deceased donor.

**Provisions for Deceased Donors:**

- As all individuals register for healthcare at the Hamad Medical Corporation, there will be an opportunity to register as a deceased organ and tissue donor. As a result of that donation consent, all nationals and expatriates will receive equitable access to deceased organ and tissue for transplantation.
- **All donors Families** :
  - Counseling and travel support for families will be provided at the time of the deceased organ and tissue donation.
  - Transfer of the coffin of the deceased to the homeland is provided by Qatari regulation. No money is provided directly to the family of the deceased.

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**Organ Donation Fund:**

- ❖ Establishment of **(Organ Donation Fund)** that will cover all the expenses resulting from the implementation of these proposals. The fund will be provided by annual payments from Hamad Medical Corporation, Ministry of Health, Non Governmental Organizations, Human Rights Organizations and charity donors.

**Organ Donation Committee:**

- ❖ Establishment of **(Organ Donation Committee)** which should include psychological, medical and social evaluation for each donor