

Organ Donation in the United States Reality Check – 2009

- In 2008, 6,290 candidates died while waiting for a life-saving organ
- The Waiting List for Life increased by 2,377 in 2008 and has doubled in 10 years (46,961 to 100,532 as of January 2009)
- 72% on the Waiting List are kidney transplant candidates – the wait time of 4.31 years (age > 35) is grossly unacceptable

The solution: dramatically improve the transplantation rate of consented organs (only 48% of 49,975 consented organs were transplanted in 2007, 74% of kidney, 36% of heart and 19% of lung - Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients)

CEO Call To Action Respect every patient's organ donation wishes at the end-of-life!

1. Make organ donation a priority!

- Demonstrate a commitment
- Appoint a champion
- Create the culture

2. Make adoption of best practices permanent!

- Effectively partner with your OPO
- Know your hospital's organ donation potential
- Pay attention to the results (i.e., your hospital's conversion rate)

3. Make it personal!

- Honor the donors and their families
- Get to know the candidates
- Celebrate success



Cheyenne Mattingly

- 8 years old died of a brain aneurysm
- her liver saved a 10-month old baby boy
- her kidneys saved 27 and 49 year-old men