

A STUDY ON AWARENESS OF ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEY PATIENTS IN CHENNAI CITY

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ABSTRACT

In India, the probable number of deaths due to chronic disease is about 5.21 million in 2008 and is predictable to climb to 7.63 million in 2020 (66.7 per cent of all deaths). The number of organ donations is much lower in the country compared to other nations. Indians need awareness on organ donation. Nearly 140,000 brain dead cases are reported due to road accidents, out of which 80,000 can be potential organ donors. But only a few organ donations are happening. If 20 per cent of families whose member had a brain death donate his or her organs, all requirements for organ transplantation in this country would be fulfilled.

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