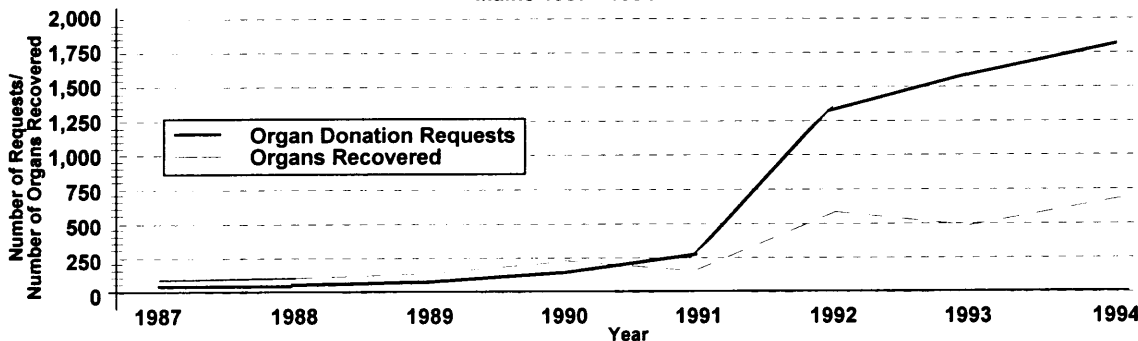


ANATOMICAL DONATIONS

MAINE: 1987 - 1994

- ➔ Emergency legislation enacted in Maine in 1987 *required* hospitals to ask permission for anatomical donations from the families of people who died in Maine hospitals and who were medically appropriate candidates. The preamble to the legislation stated that only 10% of potential donors actually become donors. It also pointed out that transplants could make the difference between life and death, or the difference between a life of pain and a full productive life. Federal law, effective in 1988, required that requests be made of a much broader group to entitle the hospital to Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement.
- ➔ In 1994, Maine hospitals reported making 1,804 requests yielding 658 donations - 42 times the number of requests and 10 times the number of anatomical donations made in the first year of the legislation (1987).

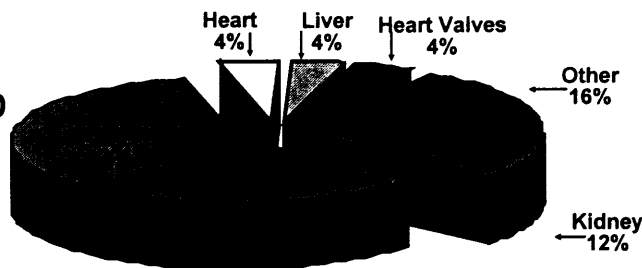
Number of Organ Donation Requests Made by Hospitals and Number of Organs Recovered
Maine 1987 - 1994



- ➔ Between 1993 and 1994, the number of requests for donations reported by Maine hospitals increased by 17%; however, the number of organs recovered increased by 33%.

Percent Organs Donated by Type of Organ
Maine 1987 - 1994

- ➔ Since legislation was implemented in Maine (1987), hospitals have recovered 2,310 organs and tissues. Donations include 1,360 corneas, 261 kidneys, 89 hearts, 91 livers, and 92 heart valves.



- ➔ In 1987, cornea donations represented 16% of all organs donated; in 1994, they represented almost 63% of donations.

NOTE: The term "organs" includes tissues such as corneas, heart valves, bone tissue, etc.

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