

## Key Terms

<b>Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD)</b>	A diagnosis and confirmation of death based on circulatory criteria.
<b>Deaths on waitlist</b>	Patients who died while waiting for a transplant. <i>Note: This does not include patients who die immediately after being removed from a transplant waitlist.</i>
<b>Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty (ALK/DALK)</b>	A partial thickness corneal transplant procedure used to treat disease or injury confined to anterior layers of the cornea: the epithelium, Bowman's layer and stroma. This procedure is most often used to treat keratoconus and corneal scarring.
<b>Descemet's Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK)</b>	The transplantation of only the Descemet's membrane and endothelial layer of the cornea. DMEK has been described as a more technically challenging surgical procedure than DSAEK but also has been reported to provide better, post-transplant patient visual acuity, lower rejection rates and faster visual recovery.
<b>Descemet's Stripping (Automated) Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK)</b>	The vast majority of EK today is DSAEK where the eye bank precuts the corneal tissue, or the surgeon precuts the corneal tissue in the operating room. The prepared (cut) graft is comprised of the donor tissue endothelium, Descemet's membrane and a thin, partial layer of the donor tissue's stroma.
<b>Donation rate</b>	The number of donors relative to the population.
<b>Donor (organ)</b>	A consented eligible donor from whom at least one organ was transplanted. <i>Note: Non-Canadian results presented may reflect a different definition.</i>
<b>Donor (tissue)</b>	A consented donor from which at least one tissue was recovered.
<b>Donor utilization</b>	The mean number of organs used from each donor from whom at least one organ was transplanted.
<b>Endothelial Keratoplasty (EK)</b>	A corneal transplant procedure where only a patient's compromised posterior layers of the cornea are removed and replaced by similar posterior corneal layers of a donor cornea.
<b>Neurological Determination of Death (NDD)</b>	A diagnosis and confirmation of death based on neurological criteria.
<b>Non Ocular Tissue</b>	Musculoskeletal, tendons, soft tissue, cardiac and skin tissue.
<b>Ocular Grafts</b>	Grafts produced from the eye including cornea and scleral grafts.
<b>Organs transplanted</b>	The number of individual organs transplanted.
<b>Patients waiting for transplants/patients on waitlist</b>	Patients who are awaiting a transplant and (a) can receive a transplant at any time or (b) cannot receive a transplant for a medical or other reason for a short time. Results are based on a snapshot of patients as of Dec. 31, 2017.
<b>Penetrating Keratoplasty (PK)</b>	Corneal transplant with replacement of all layers of the cornea, but retaining the peripheral cornea.
<b>Transplant</b>	A completed transplant procedure. <i>Note: Multiple organs may be transplanted as part of the same transplant procedure.</i>
<b>Transplant rate</b>	The number of transplants relative to the population.