Organ Donation Questionnaire

We are a group of first year medical students from the University of Edinburgh conducting a survey on Organ Donation for a project. The purpose of the survey is to find out about understanding and opinions on organ donation. Your responses will be treated in complete confidence.

Age:  
- [ ] 17-23  
- [ ] 24+

Gender:  
- [ ] Male  
- [ ] Female

Religion:  
- [ ] Christian  
- [ ] Muslim  
- [ ] Jewish  
- [ ] Prefer not to say  
- [ ] None

Course of study:

Are you currently registered as an organ donor?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Not Sure  
- [ ] Prefer not to say

If No, would you consider registering?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Not Sure

If you do not want to register as an organ donor, why not?

Scotland uses an opt-in system where a person can register your intention to be a donor by signing up for the Organ Donor Register. About 40% of the population in Scotland are on the register. In addition a person’s family will be asked for authorisation after death for donation to proceed. Currently about 40% of families refuse to authorise organ donation.

Do you think someone can be a donor if they are not on the register?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Don’t Know

Do you think families can override a person’s decision to be a donor?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Don’t Know

Do you think people on the organ donor register should have priority to receive an organ should they need one?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Don’t Know

How much would you say you know about what happens during organ donation?
- [ ] A Lot  
- [ ] Some  
- [ ] Very Little

An opt-out system is proposed whereby permission to donate is presumed unless a person has actively put themselves on an opt-out register or made it clear to their family that they do not want to donate.

Prior to this survey, had you heard of the opt-out system?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

Do you think it is right that people would be presumed to be an organ donor unless they stated otherwise?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Don’t Know

How do you think an opt-out system might affect organ donation rates?
- [ ] Increase  
- [ ] Decrease  
- [ ] No Change  
- [ ] Don’t Know

Do you think a family should be allowed to override presumed permission to donate?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Don’t Know

Comments: