

# THE CHANGING SCENARIO FOR ORGAN DONATION

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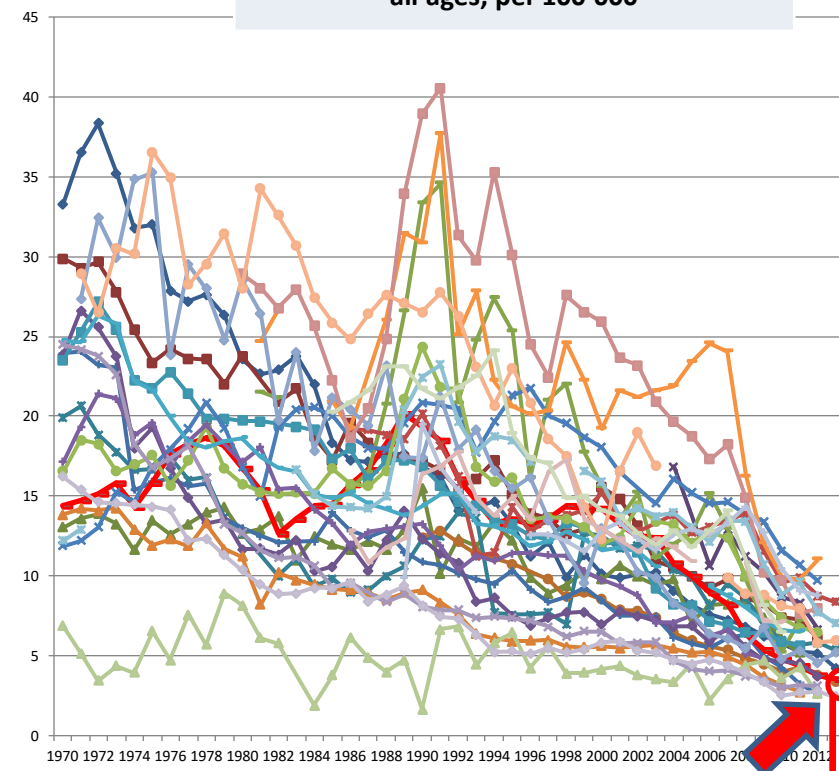
Organización Nacional de Trasplantes, Spain



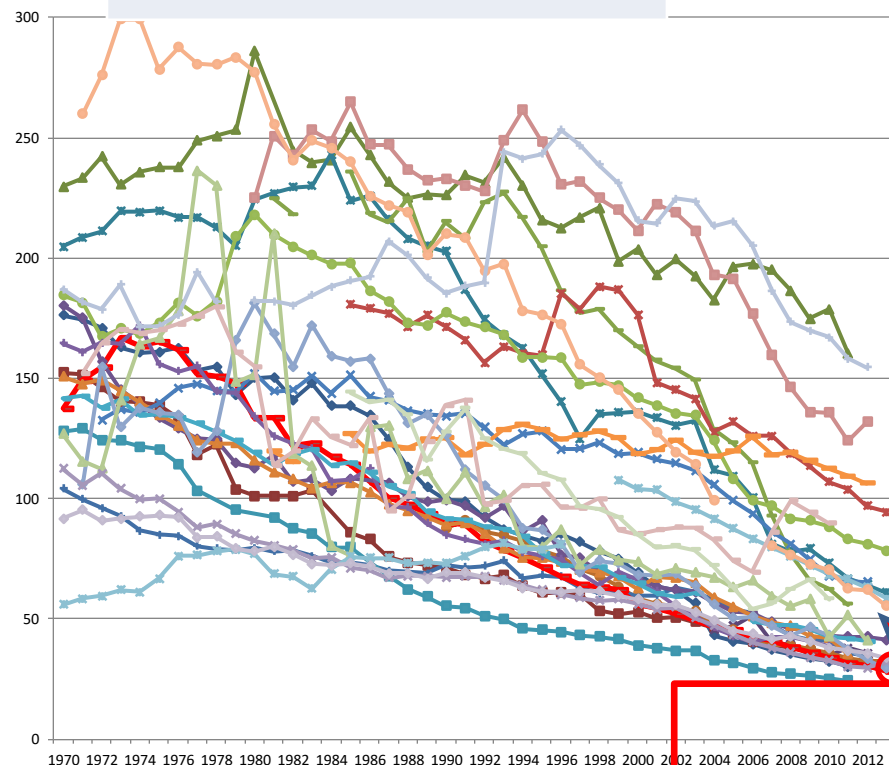


# DECREASE OF RELEVANT MORTALITY FOR THE DONATION OF ORGANS IN MOST COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

SDR, motor vehicle traffic accidents,  
all ages, per 100 000

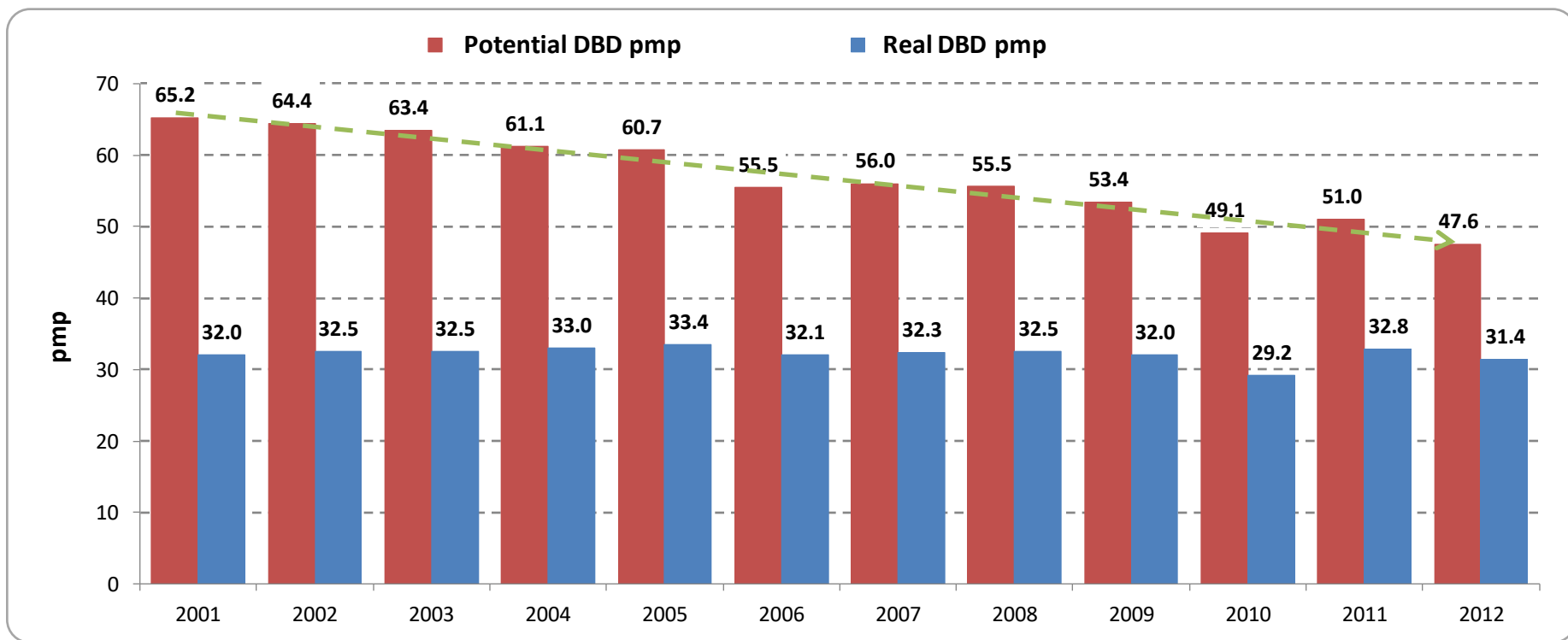
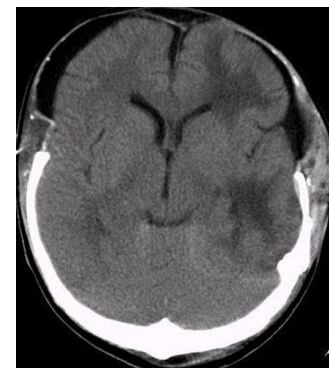


SDR, cerebrovascular diseases,  
all ages, per 100 000





## Decrease in Potential for Brain Death Donation in Spain





# Treatment recommendations at the end-of-life of the critical patient

## RECOMENDACIONES GRUPOS DE TRABAJO DE LA SEMICYUC

### Recomendaciones de tratamiento al final de la vida del paciente crítico

### Treatment recommendations at the end of the life of the critical patient

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ETHICUS STUDY  
ICU DEATHS  
18% WSLT

EPIPUSE STUDY  
ICU DEATHS  
34% WSLT

Sprung et al, 2003; JAMA 290.

ONT, Gelsom, J. Bergoni, A. Rodríguez A. Manzano, S. Ortega, M.T. Saldaña,

Hernandez-Tejedor et al, 2015; Med Intensiva:395

uel, M. Nolla, S. Quintana, V. López, la.

'(...) The second concept is based on the principle of non-maleficence and justice. The treating physician is not obliged to perform or continue with futile treatments, these being those which do not achieve their expected objective.

In this sense, continuing futile treatments is considered a bad clinical practice since it is not respectful with human dignity; on the other hand, the unnecessary use of health care resources is against the principle of distributive justice'.

# EXPANSION DONOR POOL

## 40 pmp DONOR PLAN



### The 40 Donors Per Million Population Plan: An Action Plan for Improvement of Organ Donation and Transplantation in Spain

R. Matesanz, R. Marazuela, B. Domínguez-Gil, E. Coll, B. Mahillo, and G. de la Rosa

#### ABSTRACT

**Introduction.** Spain has been showing the highest rate of deceased donor organ recovery in the world for a whole country, namely, 33–35 donors per million population (pmp) during the last years. This activity is attributed to the so-called Spanish Model of organ donation, an integrated approach to improve organ donation since the start of the Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT) in 1989. However, in 2007 there were 7/17

regional variability. Thus, ONT has set a substantial improvement in donation and the 40 Donors pmp Plan.

To increase the average rate of deceased areas of improvement, specific objectives, the data and the material generated from on with the donation and transplantation

management of brain-dead donors, with its, new forms of hospital management, maintenance of thoracic organ donors. donors with positive tests to certain viral clinical surgical techniques. Donation after

years. The Spanish success with regard to donation and transplantation has been nationally and internationally attributed to a unique organizational model, the so-called Spanish Model for Organ Donation and Transplantation, in short, the 'Spanish Model.' Since the creation of the Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT) in 1989<sup>2</sup> and the simultaneous development of a coordination network of highly motivated in-hospital medical doctors in charge of the donation process<sup>2,3</sup> organ donation and transplantation activities have strikingly increased in Spain.<sup>4,5</sup> With regard to donation in particular, the rates have moved from 14.3 donors pmp in 1989 to 33–35 donors pmp in recent years<sup>6</sup> (Fig 2). The Spanish Model has been successfully imple-

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## OBJECTIVE: Donor rate 40 pmp

- DBD Optimization
- DCD
- Living Donation
- Expanded criteria/ NSR donors
- Donation in minorities
- Special Surgical Techniques



**Living donation**

**Brain Death optimization**

**Donation in minorities**

**Donation after circulatory death**

**Special surgical techniques  
(liver split and domino. double kidney)**

**Donor Pool**

**Transmissible diseases**

- Neoplasias
- Infections

**Other pathologies:**

- HTA. DM
- Intoxications
- Rare diseases...

**Old donors**

**Expanded criteria  
Non standard risk donors**

# Benchmarking project in the donation after brain death

## QUANTITATIVE PHASE

### INDICATORS

1. REFERRAL OF POTENTIAL DONORS TO CU
2. MANAGEMENT OF POTENTIAL DONORS  
INSIDE CU
3. OBTAINING CONSENT TO ORGAN DONATION



**WHO IS  
THE  
BEST?**

**IDENTIFICATION OF BEST  
PERFORMER HOSPITALS (BPH)**

## QUALITATIVE PHASE

### VISIT TO BPH

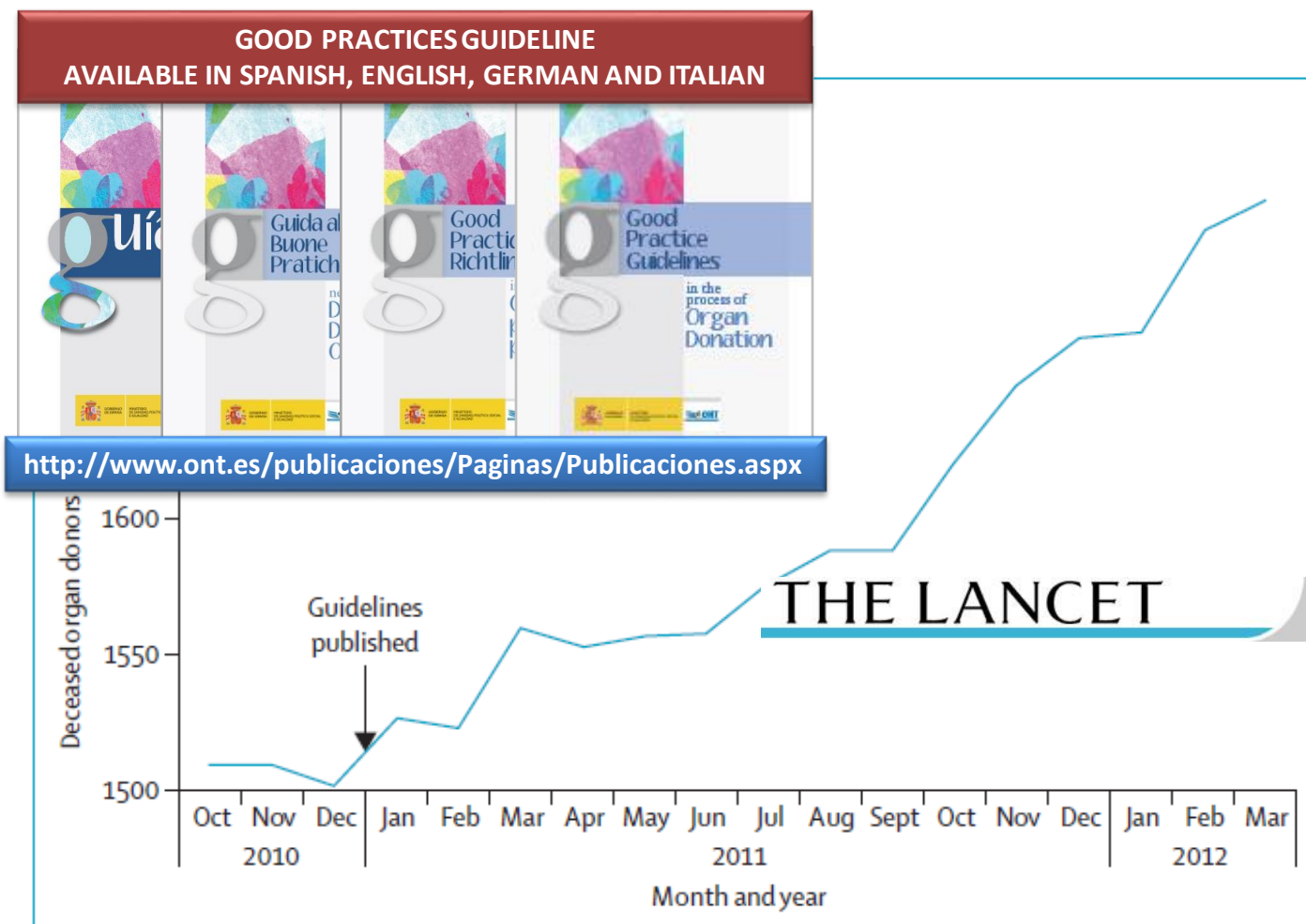
- STRUCTURED INTERVIEW
- TRANSPLANT COORDINATORS
- OPENED QUESTIONS



**HOW DO THEY  
DO IT?**

**IDENTIFICATION AND  
DESCRIPTION OF BEST PRACTICES**

# Monthly evolution of the interannual number of deceased organ donors in Spain



Number of donors within the 12 previous months at a given date



# Involvement Emergency health professionals in donation process

## DIARIO MEDICO

### Acuerdo de la ONT y Semes en formación e investigación

■ J. M. J.

La Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT) y la Sociedad Española de Medicina de Urgencias y Emergencias (Semes) firmaron ayer un convenio que amplía la colaboración docente que mantienen desde hace tres años a otros campos como la investigación.

El nuevo acuerdo, que extenderá la formación de profesionales de urgencias en donación y trasplante de órganos a todo el Sistema Nacional de Salud, se ha rubricado por una duración inicial de cuatro años, durante los cuales la ONT y Semes calculan que pueden formar al menos a 2.000 profesionales.

Andalucía, Castilla y León, Cataluña, Galicia, Extremadura, Madrid y el País Vasco impartirán en los pró-

práctica que la ONT destacó en su guía de buenas prácticas (ver DM del 5-I, del 25-II y del 5-VII-2011).

Rafael Matesanz, director de la ONT, ha manifestado su satisfacción por el acuerdo alcanzado por significar un paso más hacia la implicación de todos los profesionales en el proceso de la donación y hacia la aplicación de la guía una vez comprobado que los resultados obtenidos en los hospitales en los que existe la figura del coordinador de trasplantes en los servicios de urgencias son mejores. Además, el acuerdo "permitirá precisar

la medi en los potenc donación ca, algo conoce Taml

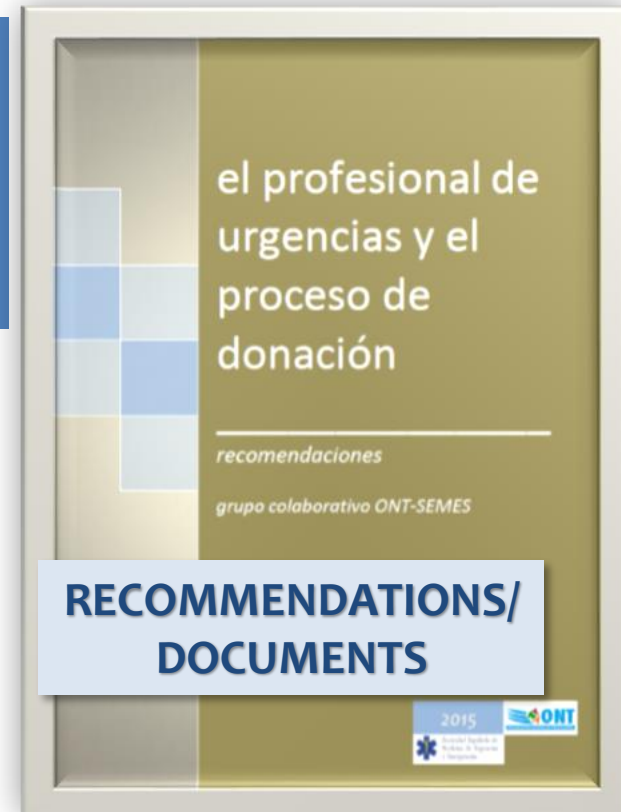
## TRAINING PROGRAMMES ONT-SEMES

215 COURSES ALL AROUND  
SPAIN:  
>7000 emergency  
professionals trained during  
the last eight years

## ANÁLISIS DEL POTENCIAL DE DONACIÓN EN LOS SERVICIOS DE URGENCIAS HOSPITALARIAS

PROYECTO COLABORATIVO ONT\_SEMES

## COMMON RESEARCH PROJECTS



## RECOMMENDATIONS/ DOCUMENTS

Available at <http://www.ont.es>

FROM 2008, COLLABORATION AGREEMENT  
WITH SPANISH INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY (SEMICYUC)

- Training Programme (+ 1000 young intestivists trained)
- Research projects
- Recommendations

**ACUERDO ENTRE LA ORGANIZACIÓN NACIONAL DE TRASPLANTES (ONT) Y LA SOCIEDAD ESPAÑOLA DE MEDICINA INTENSIVA, CRÍTICA Y UNIDADES CORONARIAS (SEMICYUC), PARA LA COLABORACIÓN TÉCNICA, CIENTÍFICA Y DOCENTE EN EL ÁMBITO DE LA DONACIÓN Y EL TRASPLANTE.**

En Madrid, a 16 de enero del 2008

**REUNIDOS**

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**MANIFIESTA**

I.- La Organización Nacional de Trasplantes en sus fines coordinar las actividades de donación e intercambio y trasplante de órganos, tejidos sanitaris español, así como la docencia, investigación y cooperación internacional en estas materias.

II.- La Sociedad Española de Medicina Intensiva, Crítica y Unidades Coronarias, dedicada a la Medicina Intensiva, encaminada a la docencia, la investigación y el como la formación médica y el desarrollo profes

III.- La donación de órganos para trasplante a personas fallecidas en las unidades de cuidado de dichas unidades intervienen de forma activa en los trasplantes: la detección del pos la comunicación con las familias, el mantenimiento

Así mismo, la mayoría de los Coordinadores de clave en el sistema de donación y trasplante de especialidad médica.

**PROTOCOLO MUERTE ENCEFÁLICA EN UCI**

**FUJA DE RECORDA DE DATOS POR CADA CASO**

HOSPITAL \_\_\_\_\_ PAIS \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCALIDAD \_\_\_\_\_  
NOMBRES PACIENTE \_\_\_\_\_ EDAD \_\_\_\_\_ SEXO: ☐ Hombre ☐ Mujer  
Tiempo de ingreso en UCI (días): ☐ < 1 ☐ 1-2 ☐ 2-3 ☐ 3-4  
☐ 4-6 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 6-7 ☐ > 7

**ETIOLOGÍA DE LA MUERTE ENCEFÁLICA:**

☐ TCE ☐ Trauma ☐ Anestesia  
☐ Intoxicación ☐ Meto  
☐ Bacteriemia  
☐ Aséptico  
☐ Laboral  
☐ Otro suceso: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Isquemia  
☐ Hemorragia intracranial  
☐ Hemorragia intraparenquimatosa  
☐ Encefalopatía tóxica  
☐ Tumor S.N.C. (aportar): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Otro suceso (aportar): \_\_\_\_\_

• Escala de Glasgow al ingreso en UCI (en pacientes con TCE y hemorragia cerebral intraparenquimatosa): \_\_\_\_\_

• NIHSS al ingreso (en pacientes con isquemia): \_\_\_\_\_

• Escala de Hunt y Hess al ingreso (en pacientes con HSA): \_\_\_\_\_

Durante su ingreso estuvo en algún momento a tratamiento con coma barbitúrico?

☐ SI ☐ No

**DIAGNÓSTICO DE MUERTE ENCEFÁLICA**

☐ Expiración cénica

☐ Electroencefalograma

☐ Potenciales Evocados

☐ Auditivos de Tronco

☐ Somatosensoriales

☐ Angiografía cerebral de 4 troncos

☐ HSAFO

☐ Otros (especificar) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Doppler Transcranial

☐ Angiografía cerebral mediante TC multicorte

**DONANTE DE ÓRGANOS**

☐ SI

☐ NO (especificar) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Comunicación Médica

☐ Negativa Familiar

☐ Parecido Conflicto en el Mantenimiento

☐ Otros (especificar) \_\_\_\_\_

**EN CASO DE NO SER DONANTE DE ÓRGANOS, ¿qué actitud se tomó tras confirmar el diagnóstico de M.E.?**

☐ Retirada de todos los medios de soporte incluida la ventilación mecánica

☐ Retirada de las drogas vasopasivas manteniendo ventilación mecánica

☐ Disminución progresiva del soporte terapéutico y de la ventilación mecánica

# Involvement of Intensive Care Professionals in donation process - Quality Indicators SEMICYUC



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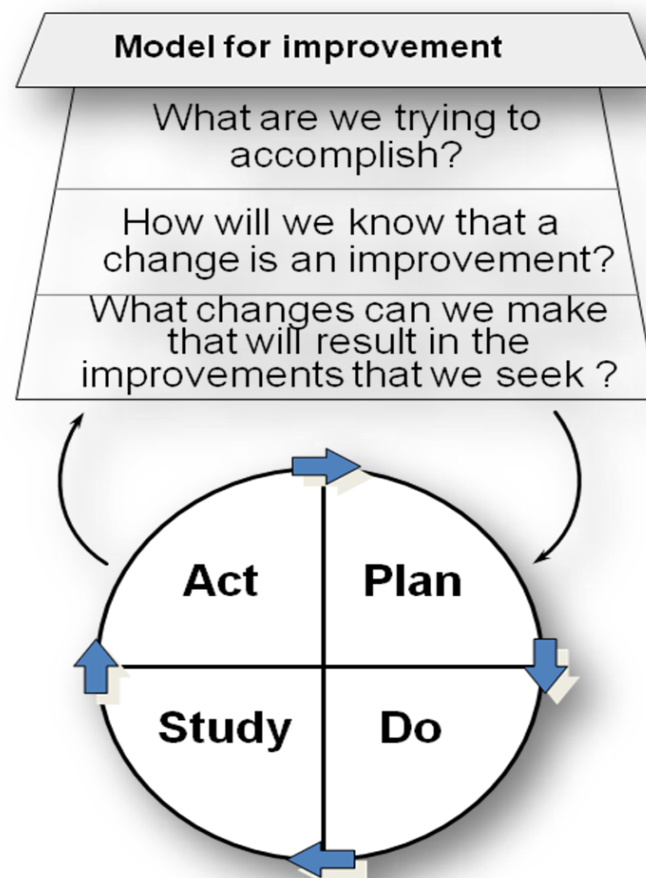
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LOS PROFESIONALES DEL ENFERMO CRÍTICO

INDICATOR	SD
<b>ORGAN DONATION</b>	
$\frac{\text{Nº Donors}}{\text{Nº BD people in CU}} \times 100$	60%
$\frac{\text{Nº people in BD correctly monitored}}{\text{Nº BD people in CU}} \times 100$	100%
$\frac{\text{Nº confirmed BD}}{\text{Nº CU Deaths}} \times 100$	5-30%

# ACCORD Spain - small interventions in deceased donation through PDSA cycles in 40 donor hospitals

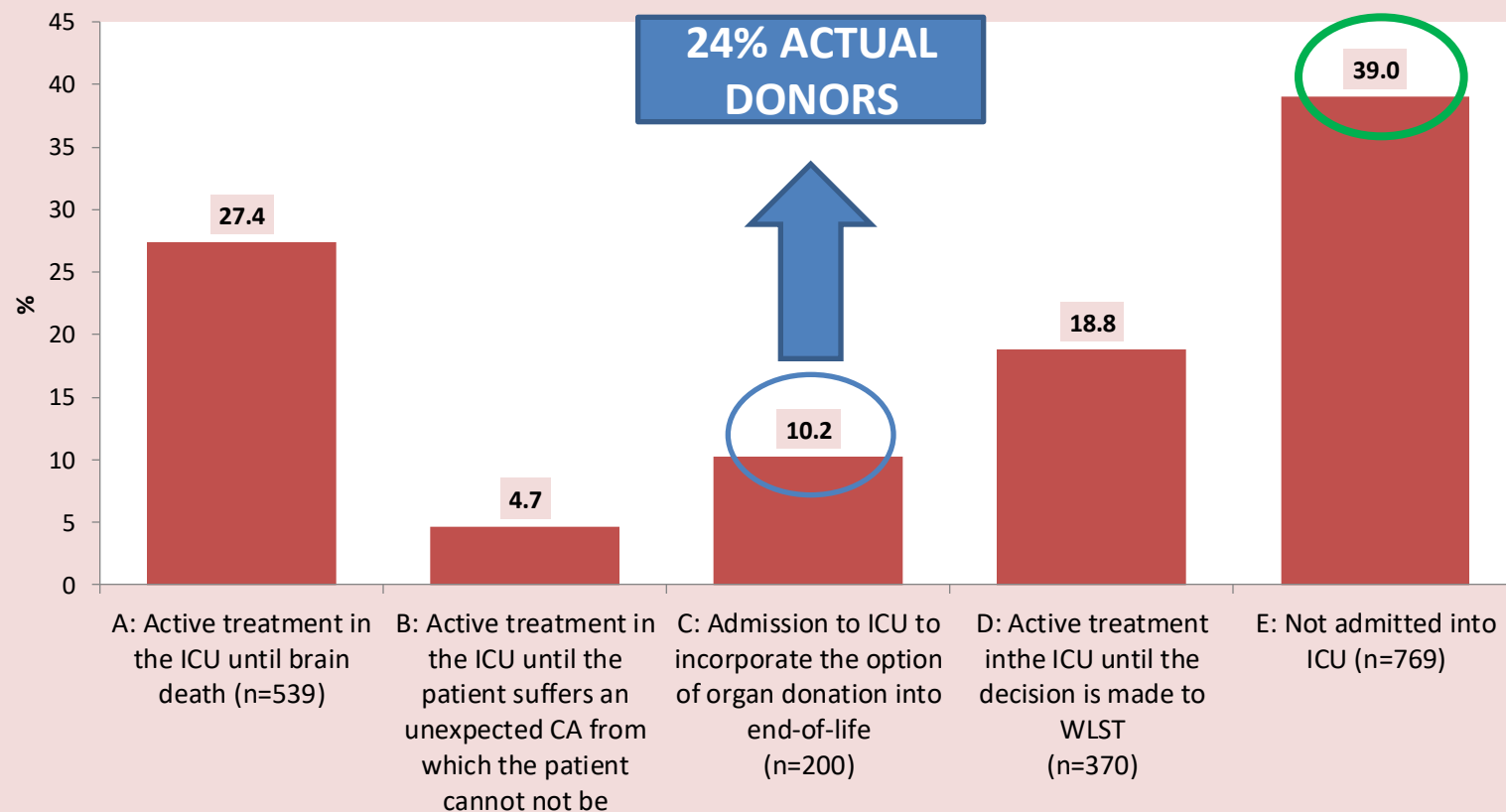
**EMERGENCY CARE  
NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY  
INTERNAL MEDICINE  
INTENSIVE CARE**

- Proactive follow-up system for patients with catastrophic brain injuries – ICD-10 codified mortality, neuroimages, etc. – discussion with treating physicians.
- Notification criteria with supporting material
- New systems of notification
- Protocols on Elective Non Therapeutic Intensive Care to facilitate organ donation
- Daily review of deaths
- Training sessions and feed-back activities





# 1 out of 4 actual donors in Spain have been admitted to the ICU to enable organ donation



**N=1970 possible donors**  
**aged ≤85**  
**11/1/2014-4/30/2015**



# Possible organ donors not admitted into the ICU

Patients dead as a result of a devastating brain injury (possible donors)  $\leq 85$  years  
68 hospitals  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

1970 Possible donors

Mean age  
78 years

769 Not admitted into the ICU (39%)

342 NEVER REFERRED  
TO THE DONOR  
COORDINATOR

427 No medical contraindications (56%)

49 Intubated– 39 dead  $\leq 3$  days  
378 Not intubated– 226 dead  $\leq 3$  days

# Intensive Care to facilitate Organ Donation - ICOD

- ✓ Legal, deontological and ethical framework
- ✓ Identification of possible donors
- ✓ Research of the will of donation. Care and communication with the family of the possible donor
- ✓ Critical Unit management
- ✓ Recommendation to implement a ICOD program
- ✓ Outcomes evaluation

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## CUIDADOS INTENSIVOS ORIENTADOS A LA DONACIÓN DE ÓRGANOS

### RECOMENDACIONES SEMICYUC-ONT

Fecha de publicación: **Pendiente**

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EXTERNAL REVIEW PHASE

**Living donation**

**Brain Death optimization**

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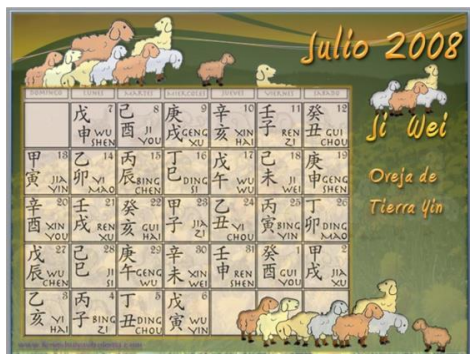
**Expanded criteria  
Non standard risk donors**



# Spanish program to promote DCD

## AIMS

1. Creation of new DCD programs – uDCD & cDCD
2. Increase the effectiveness of DCD - utilization rate and number of organs recovered & transplanted per donor
3. Evaluate post-transplant outcomes with organs from DCD-strategies for improvement



1. Introduction
2. Glossary & classification of DCD
3. Determination of death by circulatory criteria
4. Uncontrolled DCD
  - a. Out-of-hospital logistics. Donor selection criteria
  - b. In-hospital logistics. Donor selection criteria
  - c. Preservation. recovery and organ viability
  - d. Family approach
5. Controlled DCD
  - a. Donor selection criteria
  - b. WLST
  - c. Family approach
  - d. Extubation. cardiac arrest and death determination
  - e. Preservation. recovery and organ viability
  - f. Requisites for starting a controlled DCD program
6. Recipient selection criteria & peritransplant management. Information to the potential recipient
7. Communication with the media
8. Ethical & legal aspects

**DCD in Spain: state of the art and recommendations**



**National Consensus Document 2012**

# Additional measures

## • Training courses

Controlled and uncontrolled DCD

New scenarios for family interview

Normothermic Abdominal Perfusion

## • Annual Report DCD activity in Spain

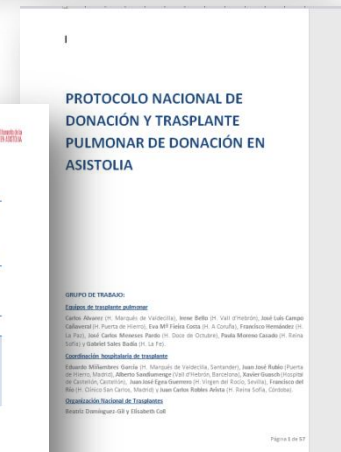
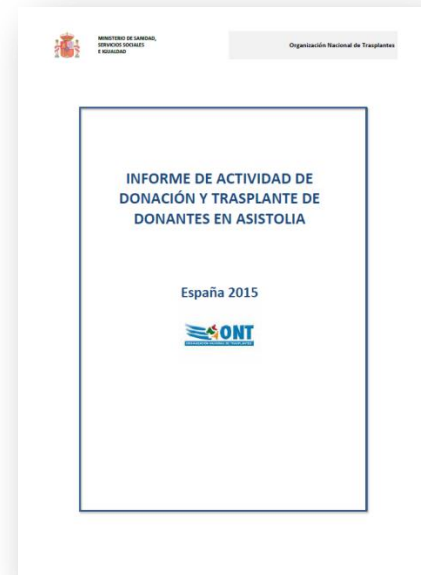
Description of procedures and trends

Outcomes: organ recovery, transplantation and post transplant results

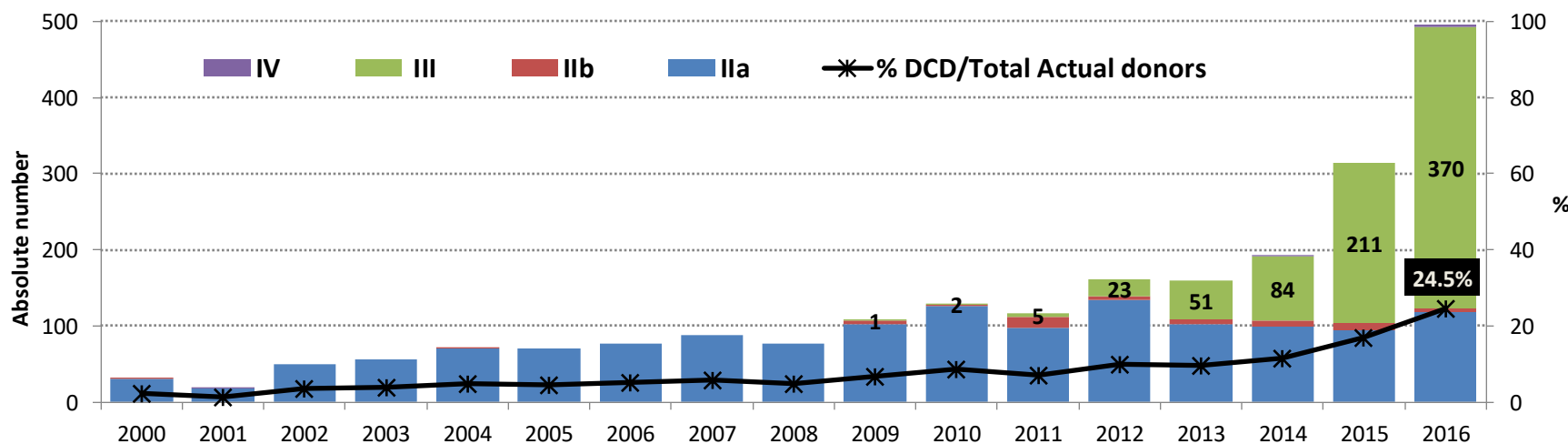
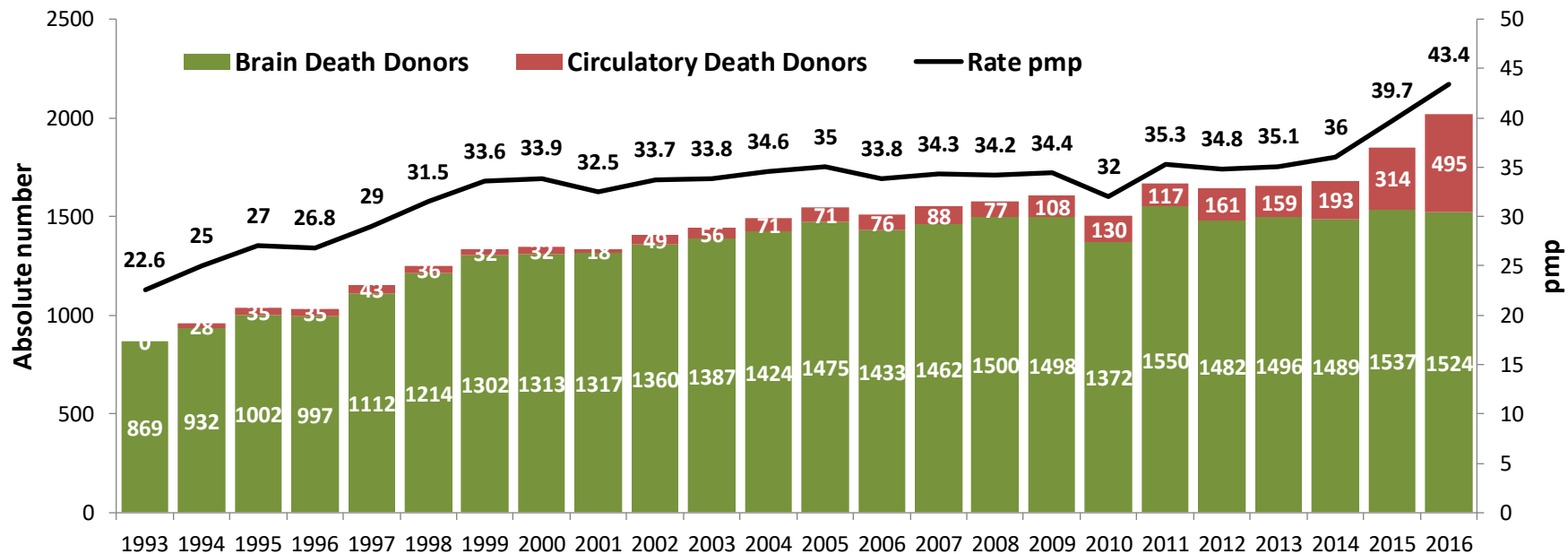
## • National protocols on:

Liver Donation and Transplantation (2015)

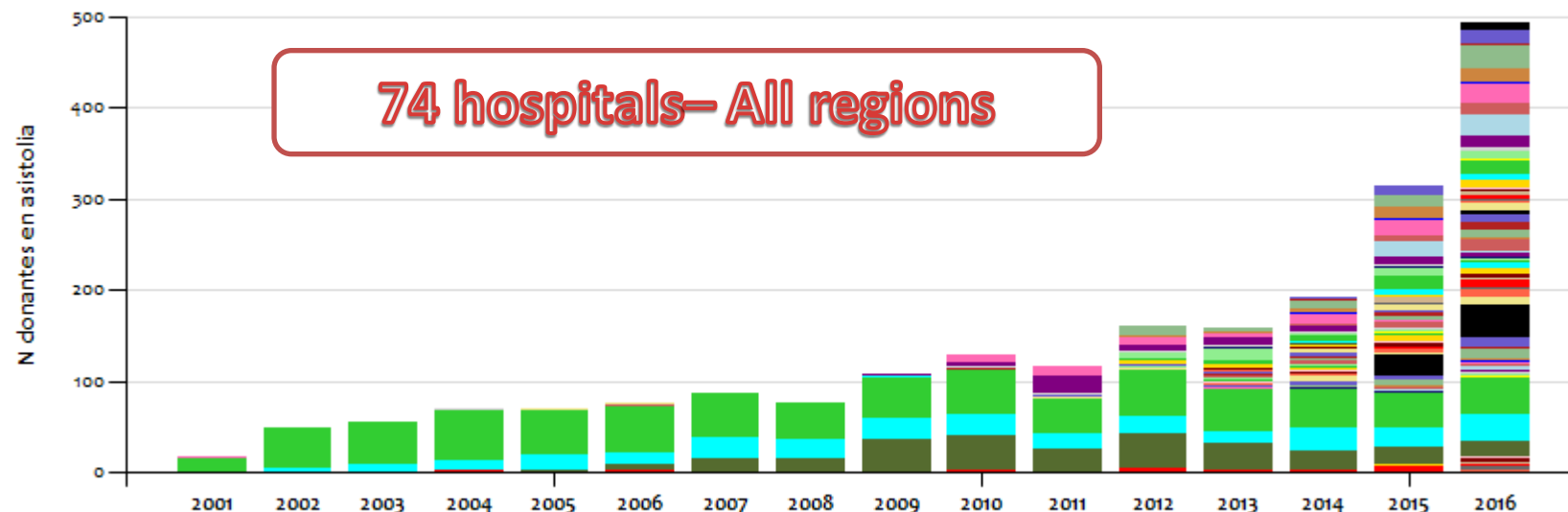
Lung Donation and Transplantation (2017)



# ORGAN DONORS EVOLUTION Spain



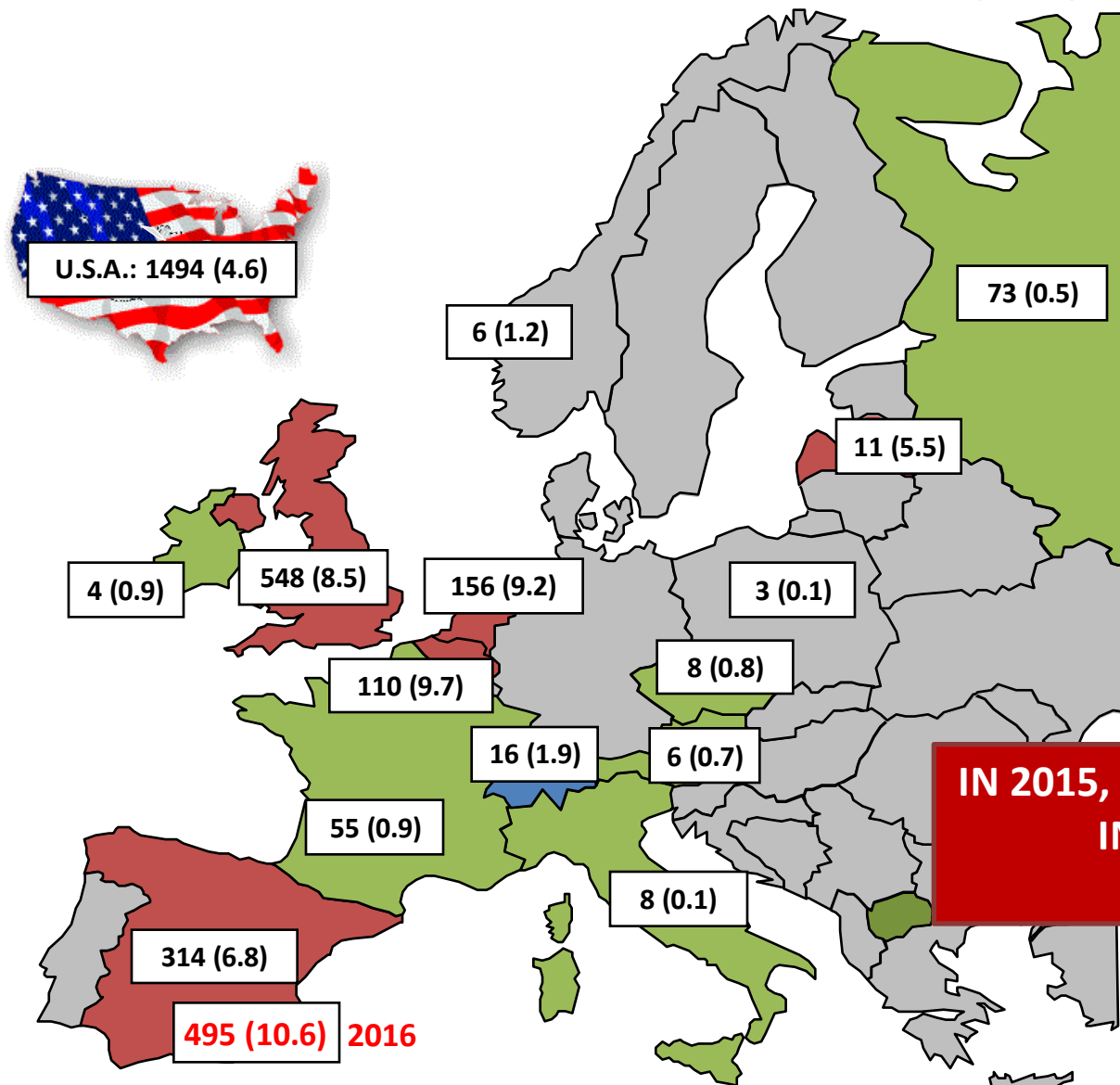




# DCD per Donation Hospital

# DCD IN EUROPE

## Absolut number (pmp) - 2015

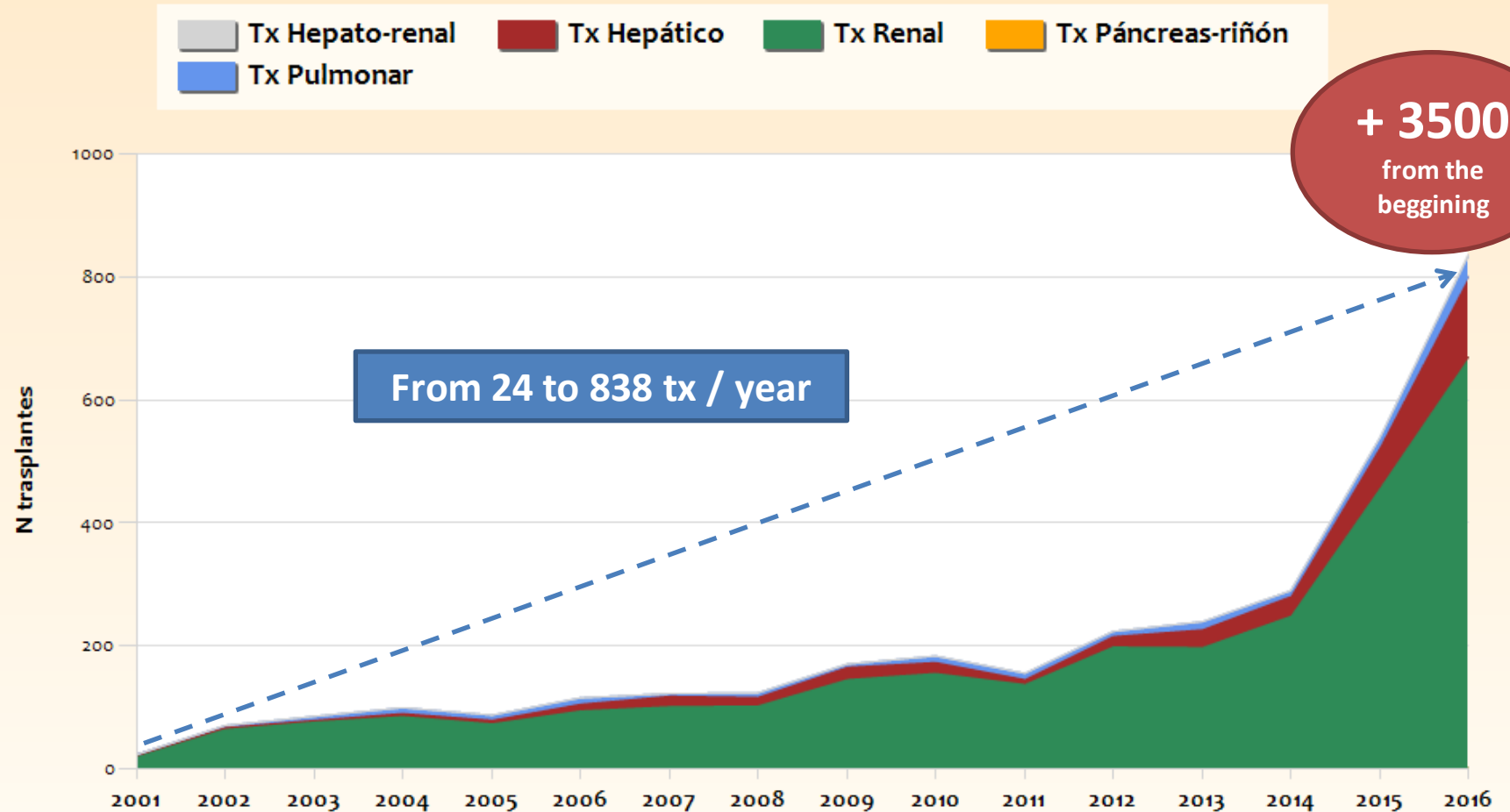


> 3 PMP  
1-3 PMP  
< 1 PMP



**IN 2015, SPAIN WAS THE 3rd COUNTRY  
IN ABSOLUTE NUMBERS,  
AFTER USA AND UK**

## DCD TRANSPLANTS IN SPAIN



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# The need

**CHANGES IN THE  
PROFILE OF  
POTENTIAL  
ORGAN DONORS**

**PROGRESSIVE  
CHANGE IN  
ELIGIBILITY  
CRITERIA FOR  
ORGAN  
DONATION**

**DECLINE IN  
MORTALITY  
RELEVANT TO  
ORGAN DONATION**

**IMPROVEMENTS  
IN THE CARE OF  
NEUROCRITICAL  
PATIENTS**



Information on the quality and safety of transplants performed with organs from these donors is **ESSENTIAL** to guide risk-benefit assessments in the future

# NON STANDARD RISK DONOR (NSRD-DRNE) PROJECT

Donors with an increased risk of donor related disease in the recipient, **assumed before transplantation.**



- All NSRD since 01/01/2013
- Utilization NSRD
- Follow-up recipients



*6-12-24 months*

### **Malignancies:**

Prior or present history of malignancy

### **Poisoning:**

*3 months*

- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Hydrocarbons
- Mushrooms
- Organophosphates
- Ethylene glycol Methanol
- Rodenticide
- Other

### **Infections:**

*3 months*

- CNS infections
- TBC
- Emerging infections
- Bacteriemias
- Endocarditis

*12-24 months*

### **Other diseases:**

- Myeloproliferative disorders
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Other (rare diseases)

# NSRD REPORT 2013-2014

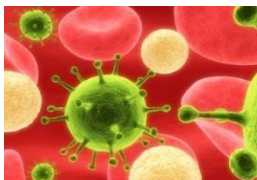
176 actual donors

155 utilized donors

430 transplants

1 Transmission\*/Related problem

*\*cardiac recipient HCV*



No Graft  
loss/Patient death  
attributable to  
NSRD



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INFORME ANUAL

DONANTES DE RIESGO NO ESTÁNDAR  
(DRNE)

España 2013-2014

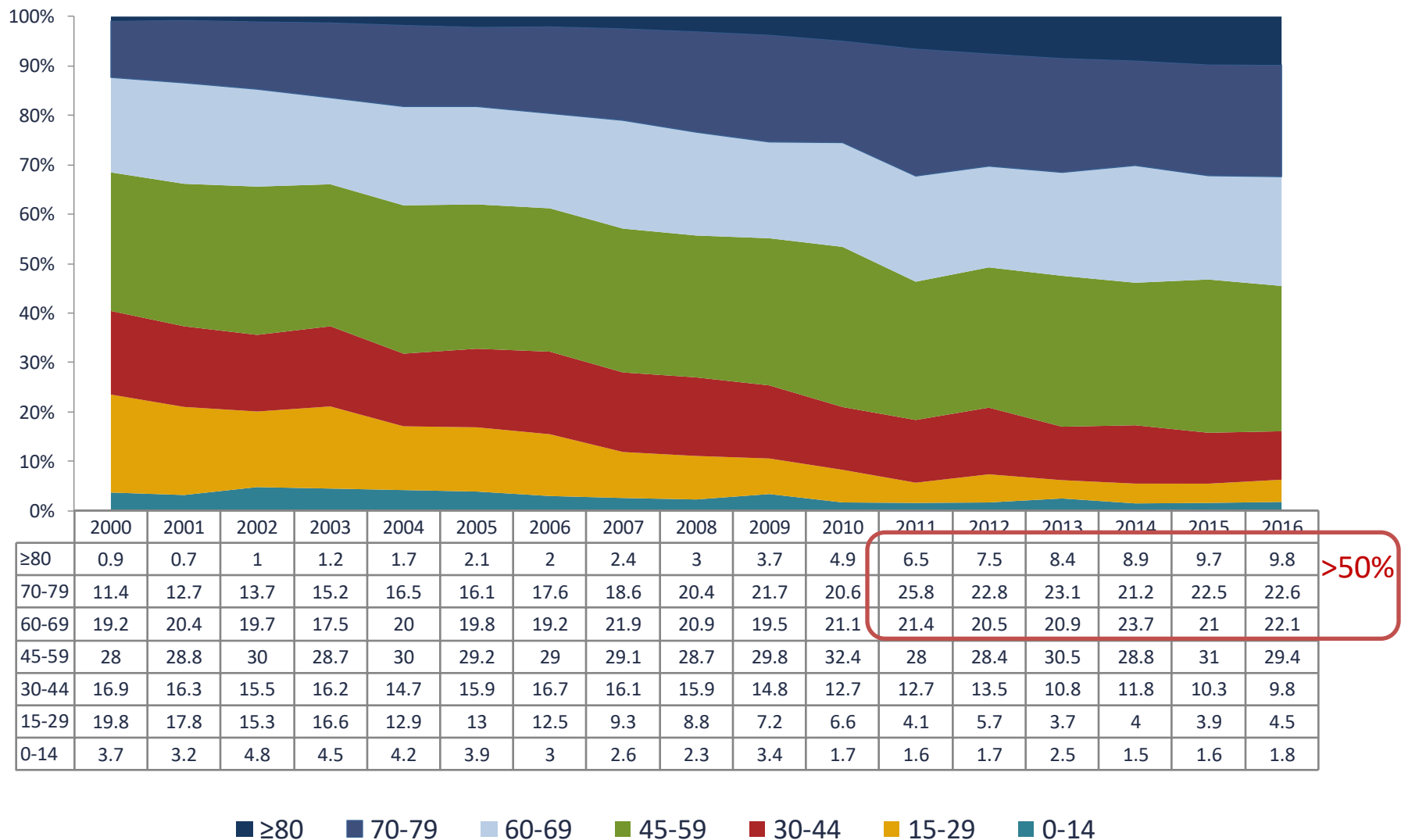
84% follow-up

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RESULTS



# AGE EVOLUTION OF DONORS



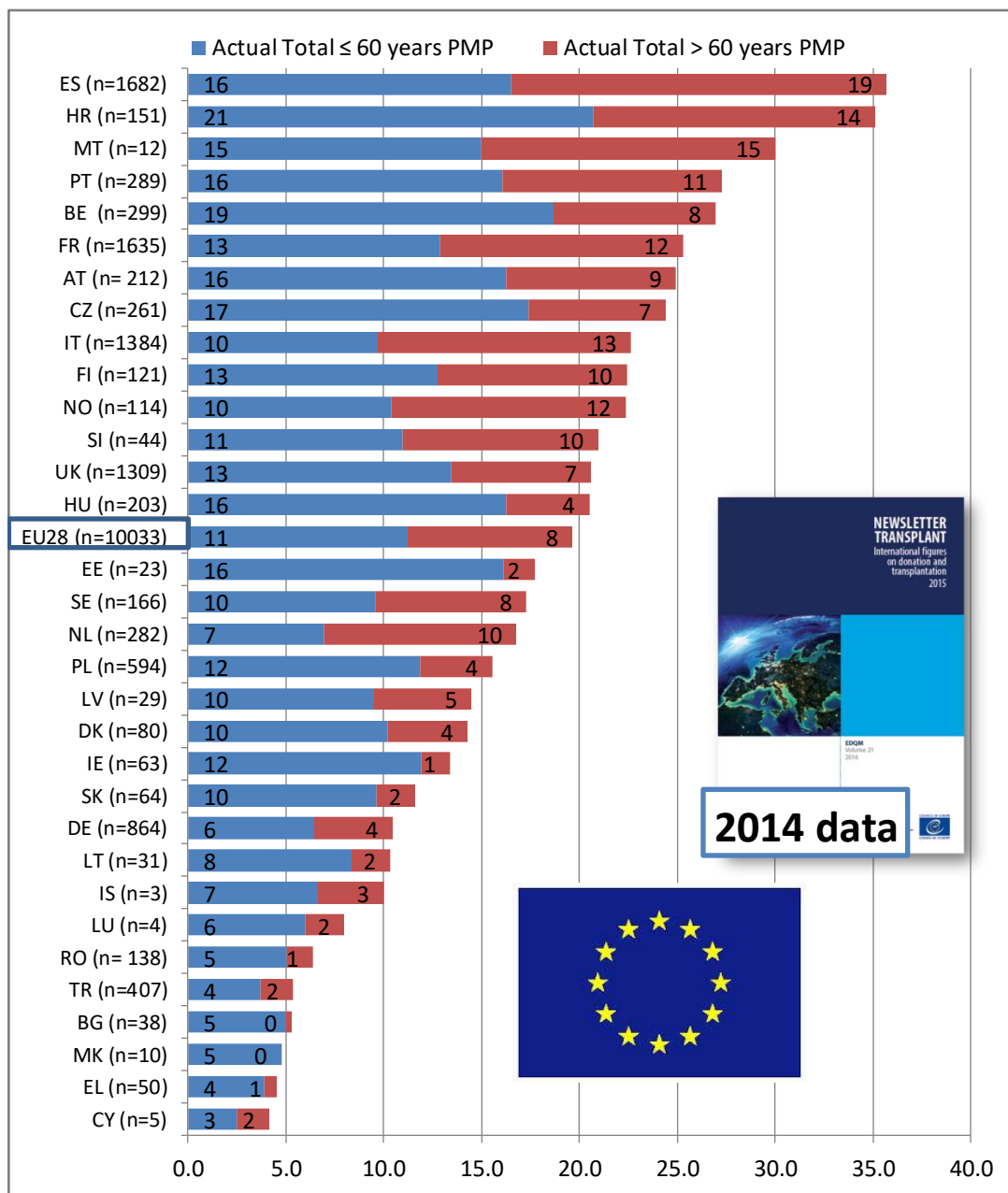
## OLD DONORS

*'(...)the number of donors >70 years increased from 3.8 to 8.8 pmp (a 132% increase) in Spain and they now constitute 25.4% of all Spanish organ donors.*

*In contrast, the number of US donors >70 years increased from 1.0 to 1.3 pmp, and they constitute only 4.4% of total deceased donors.'*

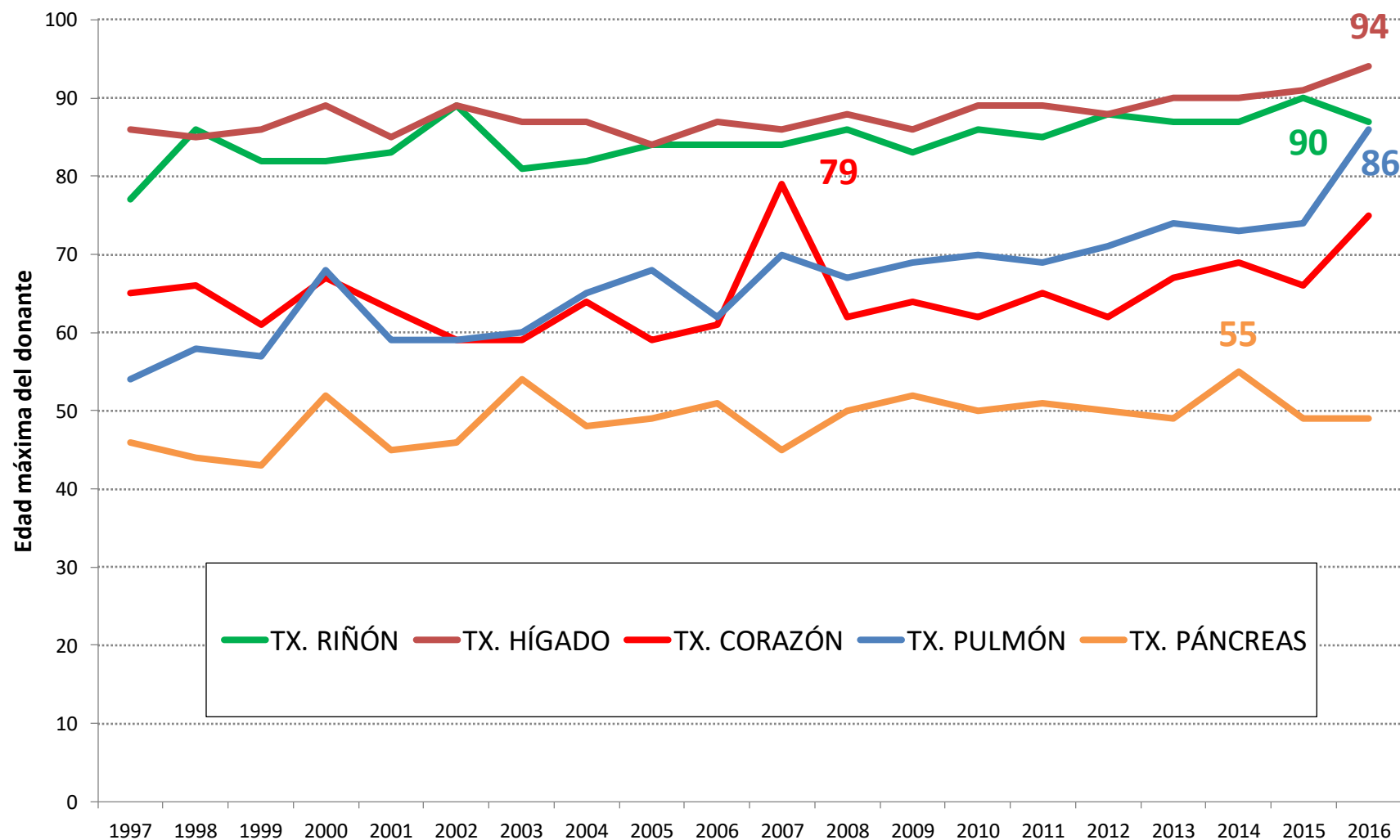


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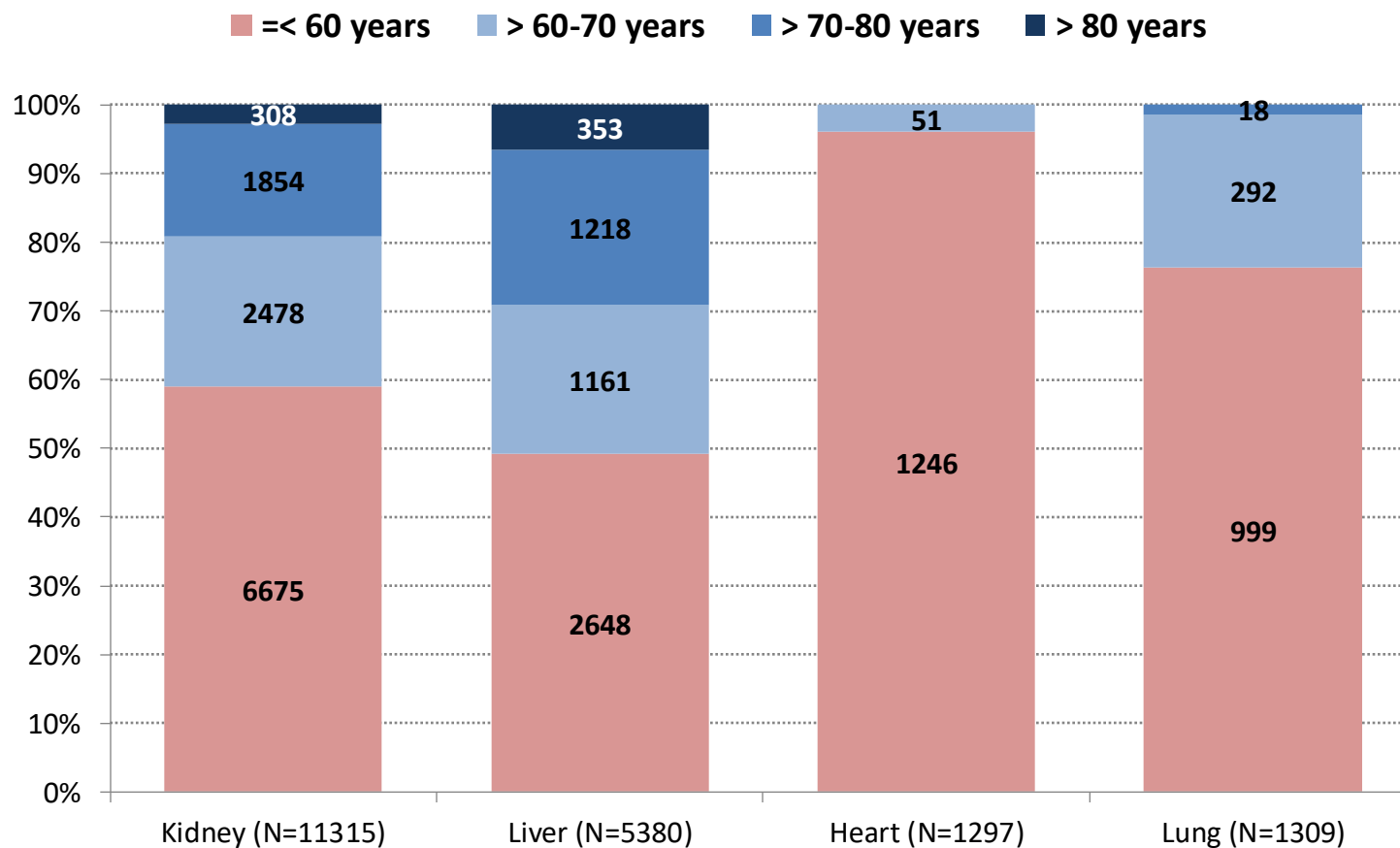


# MAXIMUM DONOR AGE (PER ORGAN TRANSPLANTED)



# SOLID ORGAN TRANSPLANTS BY DONOR AGE

## Spain 2011-2015



# OLD DONORS

## KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS- Outcomes



- OLD FOR OLD
- BETTER THAN REMAINING ON DIALYSIS

*Transplantation*. 2008 Jun 15;85(11):1573-8. doi: 10.1097/TP.0b013e31817059e1.

### Patient and graft outcomes from deceased kidney donors age 70 years and older: an analysis of the Organ Procurement Transplant Network/United Network of Organ Sharing database.

Chavalitthamrong D<sup>1</sup>, Gill J, Takemoto S, Madhira BR, Cho YW, Shah T, Bunnapradist S.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** The organ shortage has resulted in more use of older deceased donor kidneys. Data are limited on the impact of donor aged 70 years and older on transplant outcomes. We examined patient and graft outcomes of renal transplant from expanded criteria donors (ECDs) aged 70 years and older, using the Organ Procurement Transplant Network/United Network of Organ Sharing database.

**METHODS:** We identified 601 deceased donor transplants from donors older than 70 years from 2000 to 2005. The follow-up time was until May 2007. Allograft and patient survival were compared between recipients of transplants from older ECDs (age ≥ 70) and younger ECDs (age 50-69). The relative risk of graft loss and patient death was

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**RESULTS:** The adjusted relative risks of overall graft loss (hazard ratio [HR] 1.32; 95% CI 1.09-1.61), and patient death (HR 1.32; 95% CI 1.09-1.61) were higher in older ECD kidneys. The relative risk of patient death was lower compared with recipients aged 41 to 60. In contrast, the relative risk of graft loss was not significantly different. The relative risk of patient death were transplanted into recipients older than 60.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Transplants from older ECD kidneys are associated with higher rates of graft loss and patient death when older ECD kidneys were transplanted into recipients younger than 60.

### A systematic review of kidney transplantation from expanded criteria donors.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** During the past few years, there has been renewed interest in the use of expanded criteria donors (ECD) for kidney transplantation to increase the numbers of deceased donor kidneys available. More kidney transplants would result in shorter waiting times and limit the morbidity and mortality associated with long-term dialysis therapy.

**STUDY DESIGN:** Systematic review of the literature.

**SETTING & POPULATION:** Kidney transplantation population.

**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR STUDIES:** Studies were identified by using a comprehensive search through MEDLINE and EMBASE databases. Inclusion criteria were case series, cohort studies, and randomized controlled trials assessing kidney transplantation in adult recipients using ECDs.

**PREDICTOR:** A special focus was given to studies comparing the evolution of kidney transplantation between standard criteria donors (defined as a donor who does not meet criteria for donation after cardiac death or ECD) and ECDs (defined as any brain-dead donor aged ≥ 60 years or a donor aged ≥ 50 years with 2 of the following conditions: history of hypertension, terminal serum creatinine level ≥ 1.5 mg/dL, or death resulting from a cerebrovascular accident).

**OUTCOMES:** Criteria used to define and select ECDs, practice patterns, long-term outcomes, early complications, and some patient issues, such as selection criteria and immunosuppressive management.

**RESULTS:** ECD kidneys have worse long-term survival than standard criteria donor kidneys. The optimal ECD kidney for donation depends on adequate glomerular filtration rate and acceptable donor kidney histological characteristics, albeit the usefulness of biopsy is debated.

**LIMITATIONS:** This review is based mainly on data from observational studies, and varying amounts of bias could be present. We did not attempt to quantitatively analyze the effect of ECD kidneys on kidney transplantation because of the huge heterogeneity found in study designs and definitions of ECD.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Based on the available evidence, we conclude that patients younger than 40 years or scheduled for kidney retransplantation should not receive an ECD kidney. Patients 40 years or older, especially with diabetic nephropathy or nondiabetic disease, but a long expected waiting time for kidney transplantation, show better survival receiving an ECD kidney than remaining on dialysis therapy.

*Transplant Proc*. 2009 Jul-Aug;41(6):2379-81. doi: 10.1016/j.transproceed.2009.06.156.

### Kidneys from elderly deceased donors discarded for transplantation.

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#### Abstract

Although deceased donors older than 60 years of age (D > 60) are increasing in number, little information exists on the rate of discarded kidneys from these aged individuals. This study sought to analyze causes of discard of kidneys from D > 60. Since 1997, we have transplanted kidneys from D > 60 into elderly recipients after assessing their functional and anatomical viability. Among 3444 renal offers for transplantation between 1997 and 2005, 1967 (57%) came from D > 60. Of these, 1145 offers were discarded, because the kidney donor was not adequate (n = 470) or because there was no elderly recipient on our waiting list (n = 675). We also examined 1745 kidneys, 822 (47%) of which came from D > 60. The percentage of discarded kidneys due to macroscopic or microscopic alterations was 46% in the D > 60 group compared with 14.7% in the donor group younger than 60 years of age (D < 60; P < .01). We transplanted 443 kidneys from D > 60 (85 dual, 273 single) to 358 recipients of matching age and 900 kidneys from D < 60. Three-year death-censored actuarial graft survival rate was 83% for D > 60 compared with 89% for D < 60 transplant (P = not significant). In conclusion, kidneys from D > 60 were discarded for transplantation mainly because there was no elderly recipient on the waiting list and due to macroscopic or microscopic alterations. Given the increasing offer of kidneys from D > 60 and the good results of transplantation with these aged kidneys in elderly recipients, the indications for kidney transplantation should be expanded to include more of the elderly population on dialysis to the waiting list.

# OLD DONORS

## LIVER TRANSPLANTS- Outcomes

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2016 Liver Transplantation: Global view

### How important is donor age in liver transplantation?

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*Donor age is not the only relevant factor in the outcome of LT, however, surgical factors such as IT or hemodynamic instability during surgery, and recipient factors, such as MELD score are also essential. Therefore, avoiding these factors as much as possible in LT performed with elderly donors may lead to outcomes similar to those with transplants performed with younger donors*



Table 1 Studies that analyze impact of donor age on liver transplant outcomes

Ref.	Type of donor	Cut-off age	No. of patients	Outcomes
Adam <i>et al</i> <sup>[1]</sup>	Deceased donor	< 55 yr vs > 65 yr	80347	Higher graft survival with donors younger than 55 yr
Adam <i>et al</i> <sup>[2]</sup>	Deceased donor	Multiple age groups	41522	No differences in one-year survival
Cuervas-Mons <i>et al</i> <sup>[3]</sup>	Deceased donor	55 yr	18568	Lower graft 5-yr survival rate with older donors
Feng <i>et al</i> <sup>[4]</sup>	Deceased donor	60 yr	20023	Higher rate of graft failure with older donors
Reese <i>et al</i> <sup>[5]</sup>	Deceased donor	45 yr	14756	Higher rate of graft failure at 90 d after LT with older donors
Serrano <i>et al</i> <sup>[6]</sup>	Deceased donor	60 yr	149	Lower graft survival rate with older donors
Anderson <i>et al</i> <sup>[7]</sup>	Deceased donor	60 yr	741	No differences were observed
Alamo <i>et al</i> <sup>[8]</sup>	Deceased donor	70 yr	129	No differences were observed in selected recipients (non HCV, low MELD, younger than 60 yr)
Kim <i>et al</i> <sup>[9]</sup>	Deceased donor	65 yr	100	Donor age should not be an absolute contraindication

Ann Surg. 2017 Feb;265(2):388-396. doi: 10.1097/SLA.0000000000001681.

### Actual Risk of Using Very Aged Donors for Unselected Liver Transplant Candidates: A European Single-center Experience in the MELD Era.

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#### Abstract

**OBJECTIVE:** To evaluate the whole experience of liver transplantation (LT) with donors ≥70 years in a single center not applying specific donor/recipient matching criteria.

**BACKGROUND:** LT with very old donors has historically been associated with poorer outcomes. With the increasing average donor age and the advent of Model for End-stage Liver Diseases (MELD) score-based allocation criteria, an optimal donor/recipient matching is often unsuitable.

**METHODS:** Outcomes of all types of LTs were compared according to 4 study groups: patients transplanted between 1998 and 2003 with donors <70 (group 1, n = 396) or ≥70 years (group 2, n = 88); patients transplanted between 2004 and 2010 with donors <70 (group 3, n = 409), or ≥70 years (group 4, n = 190). From 2003, graft histology was routinely available before cross-clamping, and MELD-driven allocation was adopted.

**RESULTS:** Groups 1 and 2 were similar. Group 2 had a lower rate of moderate-to-severe graft dysfunction, median donor age, recipient age, a decreased. Five-year graft survival (P = 0.129). Transplants performed with appropriate donor management.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Even without specific donor management with appropriate donor management.

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### Octogenarian Donors in Liver Transplantation.

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#### Abstract

**INTRODUCTION:** Due to the disparity between the number of patients on the list for liver transplantation and the availability of organs, the use of older donors has become necessary. The aim of this study was to investigate the outcomes of liver transplantation using octogenarian donors.

**METHODS:** From December 2003 to February 2016, 777 liver transplantations were performed at our institution, 33 of them (4.2%) with donors 80 years old and above. Our policy for the acceptance of these donors is based on preoperative liver function tests, donor hemodynamic stability, and intraoperative normal gross aspect. Octogenarian grafts were deliberately not assigned to retransplantations or to recipients with multiple previous surgical procedures or extensive portal thrombosis.

**RESULTS:** Mean donor age was 82.7 ± 2.1 years, with a range between 80 and 88. Only 12.1% suffered hemodynamic instability during the intensive care unit stay. Three donors (9.1%) had a history of diabetes mellitus. The mean Model for End-Stage Liver Disease score among recipients was 14.7 ± 5.6. Mean cold ischemia time was 302 ± 61 minutes. After a median follow-up of 18.5 months (range 7.5 to 47.5), no graft developed primary nonfunction. We observed hepatic artery thrombosis in 1 patient (3%) and biliary complications in 4 patients (12.5%). There was 1 case of ischemic-type biliary lesion, although it was related to hepatic artery thrombosis. Patient survival at 1 and 3 years was 90.3%, whereas graft survival was 92.6% and 86.4%, respectively.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Excellent mid-term results can be obtained after liver transplantation with octogenarian donors with strict donor selection and adequate graft allocation.

Supervivencia	1 mes	3 meses	1 año	3 años	5 años	10 años
0-2 años (483)	83.8%	80.7%	75.8%	73.4%	71%	67.9%
3-15 años (404)	88.9%	88.4%	84%	78%	75.5%	68.6%
16-39 años (1533)	91.6%	88.2%	81.8%	74.4%	69.7%	59.8%
40-59 años (11091)	91.9%	88.2%	81.5%	72.6%	66.6%	55.2%
≥60 años (5583)	92%	87.7%	79%	69%	62.2%	47.6%

# OLD DONORS

## LUNG TRANSPLANTS- Outcomes

### Lung Transplantation With Lungs From Older Donors: Recipient and Surgical Factors Affect Outcomes

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**Background.** A shortage of donors has compelled the use of extended-criteria donor organs in lung transplantation. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the impact of using older donors on outcomes after lung transplantation using current protocols.

**Methods.** From January 2003 to August 2009, 593 lung transplants were performed at our institution. We compared 87 patients (14.7%) who received lungs from donors aged 55 years or older with 506 patients who received lungs from donors less than 55 years old. We also examined risk factors for mortality in recipients of lungs from older donors.

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### Lung transplantation with lungs from donors fifty years of age and older

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**Background:** A shortage of donors has led to the progressive expansion of criteria for donor selection in lung transplantation. The outcome of recipients of lungs from donors aged 50 years or older is analyzed systematically.

**Methods:** From March 1998 to June 2003, 49 recipients received lungs from donors aged 50 years or older (range 50-64 years, mean 54  $\pm$  3 years). This group of recipients was compared with 244 patients receiving lungs from donors aged less than 50 years (range 7-49 years, mean 32  $\pm$  11 years). This study was undertaken on all 293 patients at our institution who received Perfusion-preserved lungs (Virolife, Göteborg, Sweden).

**Results:** Recipient age, sex, and indications for transplant did not differ significantly between groups. Also, the percentage of the different types of transplants (bilateral or single lung transplantation) performed was equal in both cohorts. Donor Pao/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratios before lung retrieval (415  $\pm$  91 vs 430  $\pm$  113, respectively) and length of ischemic time (347  $\pm$  67 minutes vs 351  $\pm$  84 minutes, respectively) did not differ significantly between the older and younger donor groups. The following posttransplant parameters were also not statistically different: First Pao/FiO<sub>2</sub> at intensive care unit arrival (274  $\pm$  125 in the older donor group vs 253  $\pm$  119 in the younger donor group, respectively), mechanical ventilation time (328  $\pm$  427 hours vs 269  $\pm$  425 hours, respectively), and length of stay in the intensive care unit (16  $\pm$  18 days vs 14  $\pm$  18 days, respectively). Recipient survival in the older and younger donor groups at 30 days, 3, 6, 12, 24, and 60 months was 77%  $\pm$  6%, 75%  $\pm$  6%, 73%  $\pm$  7%, 73%  $\pm$  7%, 68%  $\pm$  5%, and 68%  $\pm$  4% versus 80%  $\pm$  7%, 83%  $\pm$  3%, 80%  $\pm$  3%, 78%  $\pm$  3%, 71%  $\pm$  4%, and 66%  $\pm$  4%, respectively.

**Conclusions:** Lung grafts from elderly donors have been considered as marginal organs for transplantation. However, this study indicates that transplantation of lungs from carefully selected donors aged 50 years or more may lead to similar short- and long-term outcomes compared with lungs from younger donors. The use of lungs from elderly donors may help to increase the number of donor organs in lung transplantation.

Lung transplantation has evolved during the past 2 decades to become a viable treatment option for several end-stage pulmonary diseases.<sup>1</sup> Although the number of annually performed lung transplant procedures still increases,<sup>2</sup> donor organ availability has become a serious problem, and the demand for donor lungs clearly exceeds the supply. This lack of donor organs has led to an increasing mortality of patients on the lung transplant waiting list. Obviously, the risk of mortality by the

es, Pulmonary hypertension.

## RECIPIENT SELECTION

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### Survival and spirometry outcomes after lung transplantation from donors aged 70 years and older.

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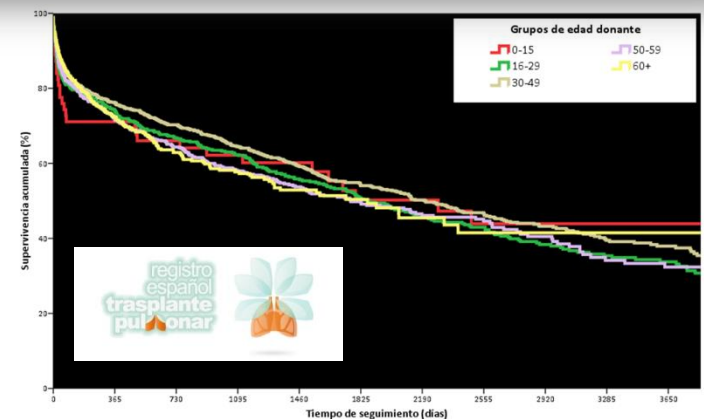
**BACKGROUND:** Mediocre donation rates and increasing demand for lung transplantation leads transplant centers to consider extended-criteria donor lungs. Arguably, the largest remaining non-utilized lung donor segment is the elderly individual, already considered for visceral organ donation but not thoracic. So far, transplantation of donor lungs aged  $\geq 70$  years is rarely reported, and recipient outcomes are unknown. Accordingly, we report a single-center series of lung transplantations from donors aged  $\geq 70$  years and compare outcomes with contemporary lung transplantations from younger donors.

**METHODS:** All bilateral lung transplantations performed at our center between March 2011 and July 2014 were analyzed, and 2 cohorts were built according to lung donor age.

**RESULTS:** A total of 440 bilateral lung transplantations were performed from 413 donors aged  $<70$  years, and 27 donors aged  $\geq 70$  years.

Donor characteristics did not differ in sex, donor time on mechanical ventilation before retrieval, or donor partial pressure of arterial oxygen/fraction of inspired oxygen ratio. Older donors were significantly less often positive for smoking history (43.7% vs 14.8%,  $p = 0.003$ ) or for abnormal bronchoscopy results (52.9% vs 15.8%,  $p = 0.002$ ). Recipients receiving donor lungs aged  $<70$  years were younger than those receiving older donor lungs  $\geq 70$  [49.8 [range, 35-58] vs 58 [range, 53-62] years,  $p < 0.0001$ ]. Underlying diagnoses did not differ significantly between the groups. Post-operative mechanical ventilation times (15 [range, 10-59] vs 27.5 [range, 10-75.8] hours), intensive care unit stays (3 [range, 1-5] vs 3 [range, 1-8] days), and total hospital lengths of stay (24 [range, 22-40.5] vs 24 [range, 22-40] days) of the recipients did not differ significantly between the two groups. The percentage predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second was  $86.5\% \pm 26.2\%$  12 months after transplantation of younger lungs vs  $72.2\% \pm 23.8\%$  ( $p = 0.01$ ) after transplantation of older lungs. Differentiating the spirometry findings according to underlying diseases showed significantly lower forced expiratory volume in 1 second values after transplantation of donor lungs aged  $\geq 70$  only in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis recipients but not in emphysema patients. Patient survival up to 36 months was not significantly different, with 1-year survival being 92.9% for younger vs 95.5% for older donor lungs.

**CONCLUSION:** Use of donor lungs aged  $\geq 70$  years for transplantation is safe, without compromising survival. However, spirometry findings after transplantation with donors  $\geq 70$  years indicate better functional outcomes in emphysema recipients than in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis recipients.





**Living donation**

**Brain Death optimization**

**Donation in minorities**

**Donation after circulatory death**

**Special surgical techniques  
(liver split and domino. double kidney)**

**Donor Pool**

**Transmissible diseases**

- Neoplasias
- Infections

**Other pathologies:**

- HTA. DM
- Intoxications
- Rare diseases...

**Old donors**

**Expanded criteria  
Non standard risk donors**



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# TRASPLANTE RENAL DE DONANTE VIVO

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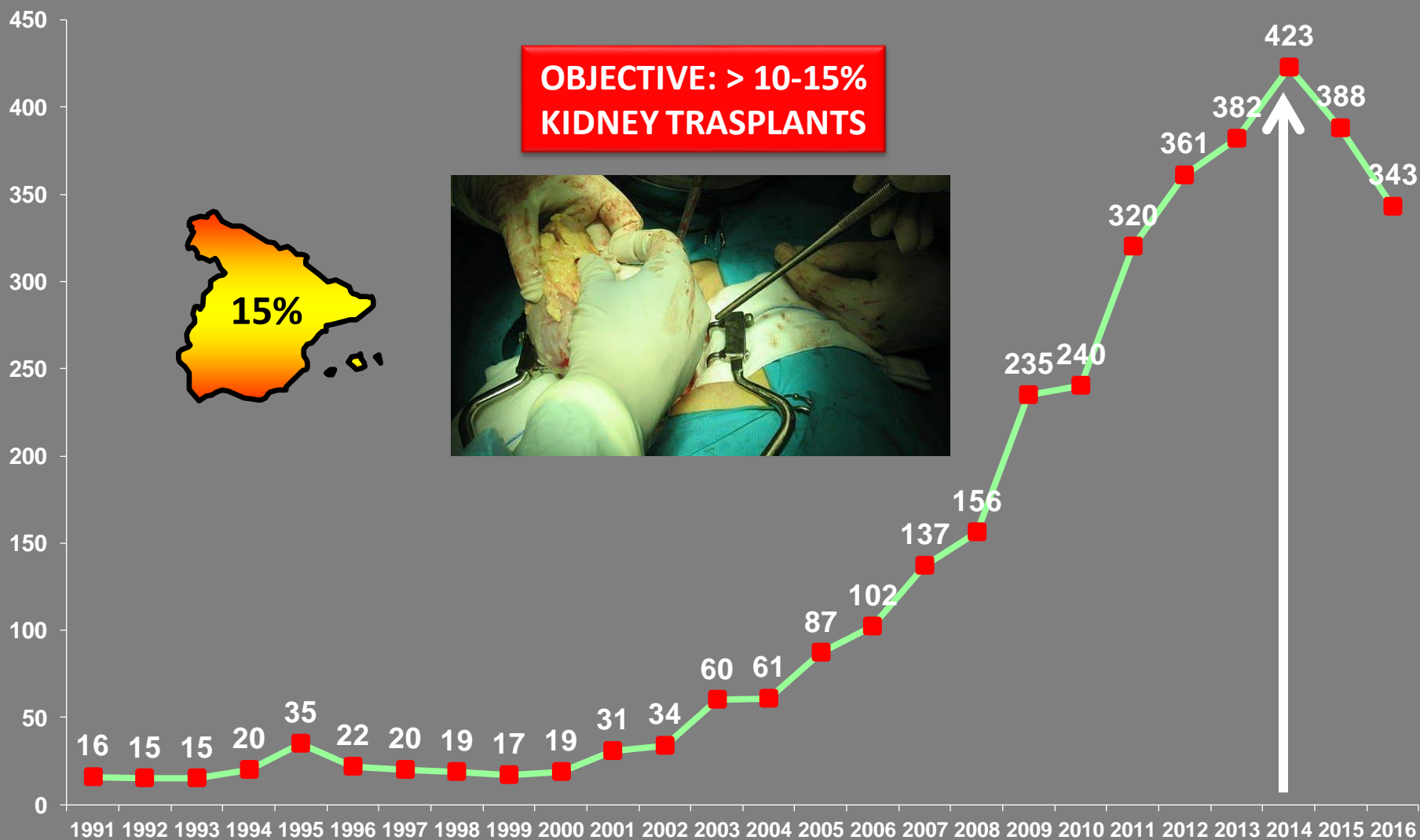
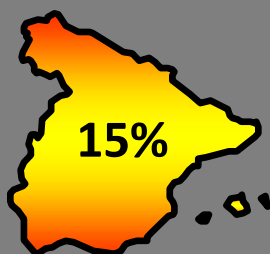


- ✓ Information program to patients
- ✓ Information and training professionals
- ✓ Expand living donors pool: Crossover-Donor Kidney program, good samaritan

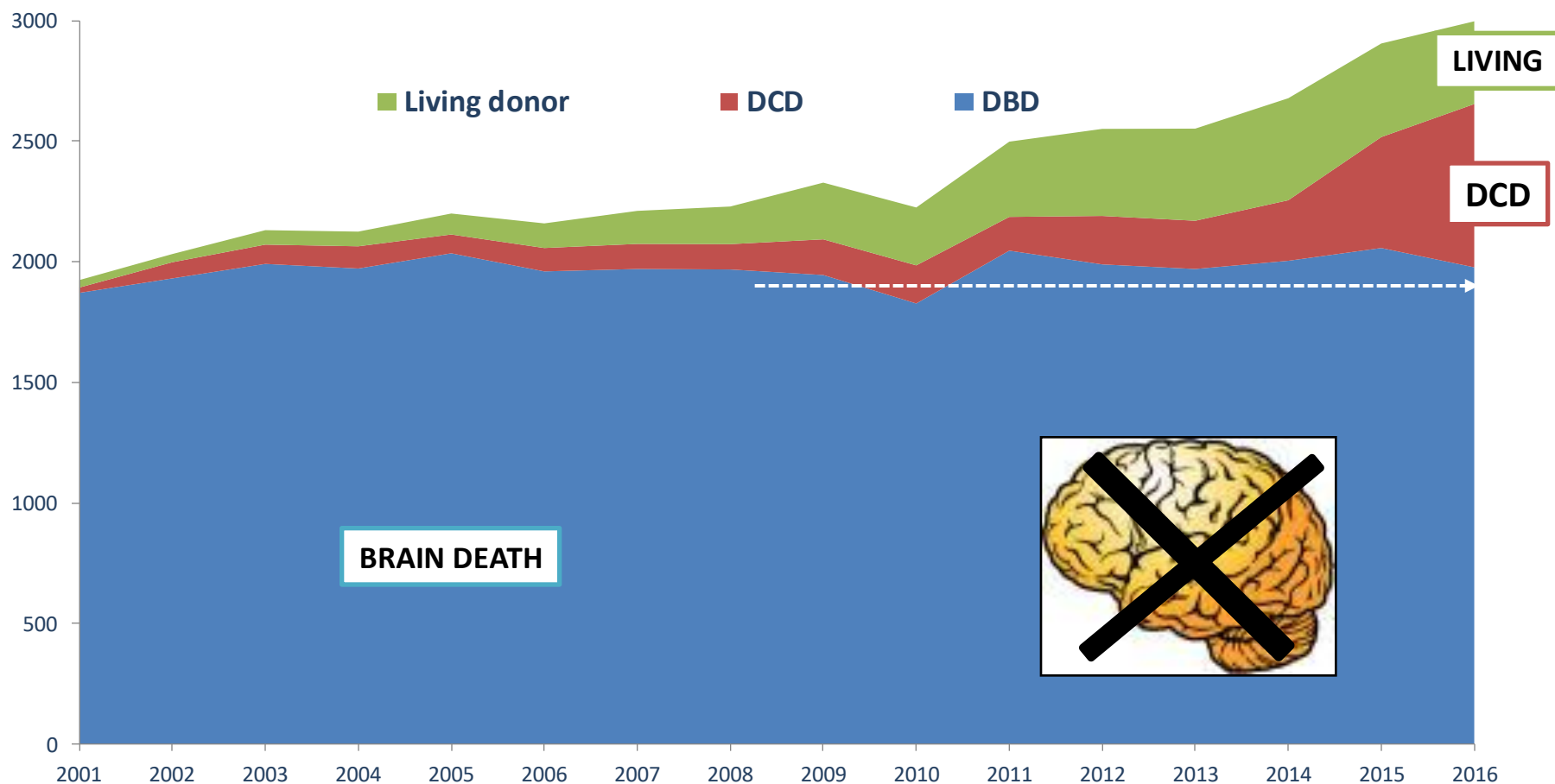


# LIVING DONOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS

**OBJECTIVE: > 10-15%  
KIDNEY TRASPLANTS**



# KIDNEY TX EVOLUTION IN SPAIN ACCORDING TO DONOR TYPE



# MINORITIES

## OBJECTIVE: FULL INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS AND MINORITIES TO DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION

### POBLATIONAL SURVEY: **ATTITUDES OF IMMIGRANT POPULATION TOWARDS ORGAN DONATION**

(in collaboration with Faculty of Psychology, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

- Lack of information on donation and transplantation
- Family interview is essential
- Three **collectives** reluctant to donation:

North Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa

Asia

Specially for religious reasons- Muslims with strong religious beliefs.





# STRATEGIES

- ✓ Information and awareness of donation and transplantation: *Donación sin fronteras* campaign, *En el lado de lado de la vida* (silent short film)
- ✓ Enhance collaboration between transplant network and cultural mediators (Symposium, workshops)
- ✓ Strengthen relations with the most representative social organizations of the different groups

- Muslims
- Gypsies

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## Alicante reduce hasta el 6% el rechazo de los extranjeros a donar sus órganos

La figura del mediador lingüístico en el Hospital General arrancó hace cuatro años, cuando la negativa a la donación era de un 40%

**LORENZA SANZ**  
ALICANTE. Al tener un alto porcentaje de inmigrantes, Alicante se ha visto obligado a buscar nuevos caminos para lograr más donaciones de órganos. Así, el Hospital de Alicante es pionero en la mediación para lograr trasplantes cuando un paciente fallece. Hace cuatro años que nació esta figura del mediador lingüístico y, en este tiempo, ha re-

«Cuando pensar de una forma más razonable. Así es mayor el porcentaje de posibilidades de lograr un trasplante».

**Los empleos del mundo:**  
«Nos acercamos al dolor de la familia e intentamos que esta pueda sentirse cómoda para poder ofrecer la opción de la donación», explica Gómez.

«Los de Alicante son los mejores entrevistadores del mundo», asegura el coordinador nacional, que asegura que «el resto no les llega ni de lejos». Lo importante, insisten, son los que venían la muerte desde otra perspectiva. Los profesionales reconocieron que «la opción de donar o no depende de la técnica de la entrevista».

El perfil del mediador es el de un trabajador sanitario que se ha formado para dirigirse a la familia olvidando la parte

del clínico y centrándose en los sentimientos de los allegados a la víctima para que entiendan los beneficios del trasplante.

En el caso del mediador lingüístico, son profesionales que saben varios idiomas y otras tantas culturas. Si no se hablan incorporados, las donaciones «habrían caído en picado», vya que los inmigrantes también reciben los trasplantes.

La figura del mediador, que es única en Alicante, ya se está empezando a implantar en los hospitales de Castellón y el de la Fe de Valencia.

**Más que en resto de España**  
La actividad del símil la negativa del donante por un 40% y del sí en el Hospital General, la media rechazó es del 6%.

Por el contrario, en nuestra ciudad, la cifra de donaciones en el Hospital de Sabadell se mantiene estable respecto a ejercicios anteriores. Los donantes potenciales en nuestros centros superan la dónora al año. Sin embargo, para el Dr. Jaume Melch, médico del Hospital de Sabadell y coordinador territorial de trasplantes del Vallés Occidental, General y el Marqués, no se pueden valorar las donaciones por los centros hospitalarios, ya que

**Los inmigrantes**  
8,5% de la población española y donan en igual proporción que los nacidos aquí



La solidaridad de los sabadellenses y del resto de la población catalana volvió a quedar patente el pasado año. El número de donaciones de órganos aumentó en Catalunya después de que 2006 hubiera experimentado un ligero retroceso. Además, por primera vez en años, las listas de espera de algunos trasplantes disminuyeron. En nuestra ciudad, la cifra de donaciones realizadas en el Hospital de Sabadell se mantuvo estable respecto a años anteriores.

## Aumentan las donaciones de órganos entre el colectivo de los inmigrantes

La cifra de pacientes que las realizaron se mantiene en el Hospital de Sabadell

Las cifras dadas a conocer por el Departament de Salut de la Generalitat del pasado año revelan que el número de donaciones de órganos aumentó el pasado año un 12%, gracias a la voluntad de 238 personas que donaron sus órganos y a la coordinación de 786 trasplantes de órganos. Se trata de una cifra positiva después de que el año anterior los datos de donaciones mostraran un ligero descenso.

Por el contrario, en nuestra ciudad, la cifra de donaciones en el Hospital de Sabadell se mantiene estable respecto a ejercicios anteriores. Los donantes potenciales en nuestros centros superan la dónora al año. Sin embargo, para el Dr. Jaume Melch, médico del Hospital de Sabadell y coordinador territorial de trasplantes del Vallés Occidental, General y el Marqués, no se pueden valorar las donaciones por los centros hospitalarios, ya que

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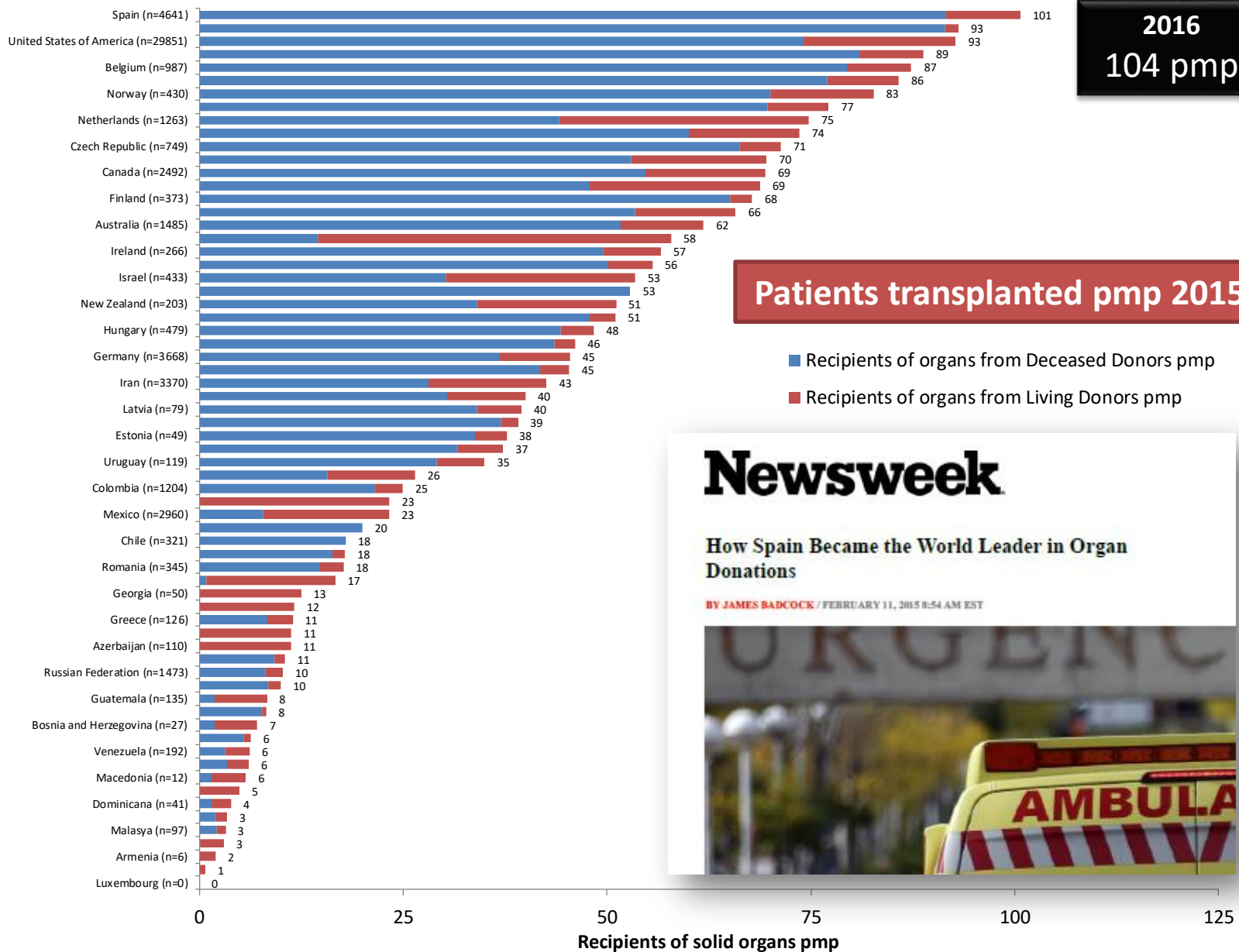
**Inmigrantes**  
Aunque la población inmigrante no tiene cultura de donación, como sucede hace dos décadas en España, cada vez son más las personas (legales de otros países que deciden donar sus órganos).

El 7,1% de las donaciones efectuadas el pasado año fueron de personas procedentes de países como Ecuador, Colombia, Francia, India, Italia, Países Bajos, Portugal o Polonia, según el Departament de Salut. De ellos, 22 inmigrantes recibieron un trasplante.

El Ministerio de Sanidad ha iniciado una campaña de divulgación para fomentar la cultura de donación y de trasplante entre los diferentes colectivos de inmigrantes. Por ello, la ha realizado en diferentes idiomas como rumano, árabe, chino, francés y inglés. El pasado año se practicaron

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### How Spain Became the World Leader in Organ Donations

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## Minireview

## How Spain Reached 40 Deceased Organ Donors per Million Population

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With 40 donors and more than 100 transplant procedures per million population in 2015, Spain holds a privileged position worldwide in providing transplant services to its patient population. The Spanish success derives from a specific organizational approach to ensure the systematic identification of opportunities for organ donation and their transition to actual donation and to promote public support for the donation of organs after death. The Spanish results are to be highlighted in the context of the dramatic decline in the incidence of brain death and the changes in end-of-life care practices in the country since the beginning of the century. This prompted the system to conceive the 40 donors per million population plan, with three specific objectives: (i) promoting the identification and early referral of possible organ donors from outside of the intensive care unit to consider elective non-therapeutic intensive care and incorporate the option of organ donation into end-of-life care; (ii) facilitating the use of organs from expanded criteria and non-standard risk donors; and (iii) developing the framework for the practice of donation after circulatory death. This article describes the actions undertaken and their impact on donation and transplantation activities.

**Abbreviations:** cDCD, controlled donation after circulatory death; DBD, donation after brain death; DCD, donation after circulatory death; ICU, intensive care unit; ONT, Organización Nacional de Trasplantes; pmp, per million population; uDCD, uncontrolled donation after circulatory death; WLST, withdrawal of life-sustaining therapy

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## Introduction

Transplantation is the best and, frequently, the only life-saving treatment for end-stage organ failure. In 2014, 119 873 solid organ transplantations were performed

worldwide (WHO Global Observatory on Organ Donation and Transplantation (1)). Although impressive, the annual number of organ transplants represents less than 10% of the global needs. Organ shortage leads to deaths and poor quality of life for those on the waiting list. Moreover, because the costs of renal replacement therapy with dialysis greatly surpass those of kidney transplantation after the first year, organ shortage implies important costs to healthcare systems. The benefits of transplantation have also been marred by the growing phenomenon of organ trafficking and transplant tourism, practices that violate fundamental human rights and threaten individual and public health.

The World Health Assembly, concerned by the growing demand for organs and exploitative actions against the destitute and vulnerable, urged member states “to strengthen national and multinational authorities and/or capacities to provide oversight, organization and coordination of donation and transplantation activities, with special attention to maximizing donation from deceased donors” (2). Anticipating a call that the World Health Organization would launch 20 years later, the Spanish Ministry of Health created the Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT) in 1989 as an agency in charge of the coordination and oversight of donation, procurement, and transplantation activities in a politically decentralized country, albeit with an adequate legislative and technical framework from the transplantation perspective. The ONT conceived an organized and professionalized model to effectively identify donation opportunities and facilitate their transition to actual donation and to promote public support for donation after death (3). The elements of the Spanish model, extensively described in literature, made Spain double its deceased donation activity in less than a decade (Figure 1) and soon hold a privileged position worldwide that it maintains (4–6).

In 2008, Spain was confronted with important epidemiological events and changes in end-of-life care practices that challenged the progress of the country toward self-sufficiency in transplantation (7). The ONT then designed the 40 donors per million population (pmp) plan (8). The aims of this report are to summarize the challenges that the system has faced in further developing donation from the deceased and to describe the three strategies that have made Spain reach the target of 40 donors pmp

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‘Nothing happens until something moves’

— Albert Einstein



‘To improve is to change;  
to be perfect is to change often’

— Winston Churchill

