

VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY
RESOLUTION

Anatomical Gifts

Submitted to VMS Council by Michael Scollins - September 7, 2010

1 WHEREAS, the lives and quality of life of patients with end-state organ failure depend on the
2 availability of transplantable organs; and

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4 WHEREAS, to discharge their obligations to hold their patients' interests paramount and to
5 support access to medical care, physicians should participate in efforts to increase organ donation;
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8 WHEREAS, there are clearly individuals who will seriously consider the option of live organ
9 donation (e.g. kidney or bone marrow) if they are aware of the need; therefore be it

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11 **RESOLVED, VMS will encourage and support efforts to educate health care professionals
12 and the public about the unmet need for anatomical gifts; and about how to make and
13 register anatomical gifts as a living or deceased donor, and be it further**

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15 **RESOLVED, VMS will collaborate with organizations the Vermont Kidney Association
16 (VKA), the Transplant Donor Network (TDN) support group and the Vermont Department
17 of Health to encourage the creation of a statewide registry for living donors; and be it
18 further**

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20 **RESOLVED, that VMS work with the Departments of Health and Motor Vehicles to
21 establish a program in Vermont that would permit potential living organ donors to indicate
22 at the time of drivers license application or renewal, an interest in pursuing the possibility of
23 live organ donation; and be it further**

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25 **RESOLVED, VMS work to ensure that any registry or donation program for living donors
26 follows the informed consent process outlined in AMA Ethical Opinion E-2.15,
27 *Transplantation of Organs from Living Donors.*¹**

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¹ <https://ssl3.ama-assn.org/apps/ecommm/PolicyFinderForm.pl?site=www.ama-assn.org&uri=/ama1/pub/upload/mm/PolicyFinder/policyfiles/HnE/E-2.15.HTM>