

REGION: The Americas

COUNTRY: Paraguay

Total population (million inhabitants)

2020: 7.1



ORGANIZATION: Instituto Nacional de Ablación y Trasplante (INAT).

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ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM

INAT is the organization responsible for the national coordination of donation and transplantation activities. The organization is under the Ministry of Health and is financed by public funds. It is headed by a general National Transplantation Manager.

The **INAT** is responsible for coordinating the promotion of organ donation, the setting up of protocols, guidelines and recommendations, managing waiting lists, coordinating organ procurement, allocation and transplant follow-up registries.

There is a surveillance system based on the reporting of adverse events in the process, reactions and untoward consequences in organ transplant recipients at national level; however there is no surveillance system of donation complications in live organ donors.

INAT has systems for the collection and analysis of data on donation and transplantation activities, including donation processing registries, post-transplant recipients follow-up and living donor follow-up registries. Furthermore, there are standards related to donor detection, donor management, procurement, selection of recipients, compatibility testing, storage and transportation, allocation and screening for transmissible diseases of deceased donors. There are also standards, written instructions or guidance in place related to the compatibility testing and screening for transmissible diseases of living donors.



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LEGISLATION

Paraguay has specific legislation for organ procurement and transplantation. The health care institutions and hospitals have to be officially authorized for retrieval and transplantation. The certification of death is required by law, regarding the irreversible cessation of brain/ brain stem function and the irreversible cessation of cardio-respiratory functions. Presumed consent is the legal requirement for donation from deceased donors. However, in practice, consent is always required from relatives.

Currently, in Paraguay governs the Law of cross-donation that was introduced in 2017 where Article 13 of Law 5885/17 is amended and expanded, which provides unrelated donor and recipient pairs exchange grafts beyond any emotional or genetic relation, with the aim of overcoming immunological restrictions.

There are no supplementary incentives for living donors, and giving or receiving payment for organs and trafficking are prohibited. Furthermore, traceability is a requirement and the import and export of



organs are controlled by law.

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