



Organ Donation and Transplantation Collaborative
Collaboration en matière de dons et greffes d'organes

COLLABORATIVE OVERVIEW

Spurred by a desire to improve Canada's performance in organ donation and transplantation (ODT), the Organ Donation and Transplantation Collaborative (the Collaborative) was established in 2018 by Health Canada, provincial and territorial health officials (except Québec), Canadian Blood Services (CBS), patients and families, clinicians, and researchers across Canada.

The Collaborative's vision is to achieve ODT system improvements that result in better patient outcomes and an increase in the number and quality of successful transplantations.

The Collaborative is guided by a core question:

What can we do collaboratively to achieve high-impact change in the ODT ecosystem by 2024?

Through ongoing effort between its members, the Collaborative is developing recommendations and concrete actions that contribute to transformative changes in the ODT eco-system, all of which serve to improve equity of access to both deceased and living donation and transplantation services across Canada.

Development of a pan-Canadian ODT governance that identifies decision-making and accountability mechanisms for ensuring timely, effective, and equitable access to ODT services

The Collaborative provides an unique opportunity to establish a higher-performing ODT system that:

- Engages provinces and territories, CBS, and key ODT stakeholders in determining a pan-Canadian direction on an improved ODT system governance model for better accessibility, responsiveness, quality, sustainability and accountability of Canada's ODT system;
- Defines a more harmonized approach with clearly identified roles and responsibilities for key actors including federal and provincial/territorial governments to facilitate decision-making and implementation of ODT-related actions in a consistent way across Canada.

Implementation of a pan-Canadian data system that will support decisions, avoid missed organ opportunities, and improve patient care

Comprehensive, consistent, and standardized data are essential to inform good decisions, guide practice, identify improvement areas for preventing missed organ opportunities, and achieve better outcomes. To this end, the Collaborative is currently:

- Supporting availability of local, provincial, and national data to drive evidence-based decision-making to improve patient access to transplantation services and outcomes across Canada;
- Enabling pan-Canadian reporting and access to data in order to guide decision-making for system improvement on an ongoing basis.

Improvement of efficient and effective interprovincial organ sharing policies across Canada to prevent any missed opportunities for donation

No provincial and territorial jurisdiction is able to meet its demand alone for organs; each relies on the interprovincial sharing of organs to optimize access to transplantation. The Collaborative is determined to maximize organ sharing potential and ensure that equity and quality transplantation are not missed by:

- Streamlining and improving the implementation and the dissemination of interprovincial organ sharing policies across Canada;
- Spreading best practices and improvements within and across organ donation organizations, regions, provinces and territories that support increased opportunities for donation and transplantation.

Ongoing Strategic Initiatives

Health Canada supports ongoing strategic investments to achieve a higher-performing ODT system and improve equity through innovative initiatives in living and deceased donation and transplantation areas. Thanks to the engagement of a range of ODT stakeholders, Health Canada funded projects are underway for maximizing the objectives of the Collaborative. For more information, please [click here](#)

As part of the Collaborative, the Patient/ Advocate Advisory Committee (PAAC) is comprised of members with lived experience, such as donors, recipients, family members, and those from patient advocate organizations. All PAAC members participate as partners in ODT priority setting, governance committees, and knowledge translation activities. Patient-participants of this committee act as advisors and collaborators and provide valuable insight to Health Canada funded project leads and the ODT system as a whole.

Critical Patient Perspective