

Chapter 8

Organ Donation Outcome Data



in Australia and New Zealand



This chapter summarises the outcomes for the solid organ transplants performed in Australia.

This information is supplied by the various transplant outcome registries, and reflects the outcomes of transplants performed across Australia and New Zealand.

For the first time this year, the various time points have been standardised, and graft survival is presented at 1 and 5 years. For each organ, the concept of graft survival is similar: sufficient organ function to maintain life without other organ replacement therapy. Thus the endpoints for graft survival analyses are death or re-transplantation for all organs. For kidneys, return to dialysis also indicates a loss of graft function, and for pancreas transplant the recommencement of insulin therapy. The table shows the proportion of grafts functioning at 1 and 5 years, calculated using the Kaplan-Meier method.

Considerable further information is available for each organ at the websites of the relevant outcome Registry (anzdata.org.au; anzltr.org; anzcotr.org.au).

Figure 8.1

Graft Survival		
Organ	1 year	5 year
Liver transplants¹	0.90	0.80
Pancreas transplant survival²	0.90	0.88
Heart transplants³	0.87	0.82
Lung transplants³	0.91	0.63
Combined Heart/Lung transplant³	0.61	0.61
Deceased donor Kidney (Australia)⁴	0.92	0.83
Deceased donor Kidney (NZ)⁴	0.90	0.78

1. All primary liver transplants, Australia and New Zealand. Courtesy of Australia and New Zealand Liver Transplant Registry. 1-year survival figures include grafts 2008-13; five year survival figures include grafts 2003-12. www.anzltr.org
2. Pancreas survival (pancreas component of combined kidney-pancreas transplants). All pancreata, Australia and NZ. Figures include all pancreas transplants performed 2005-13. Courtesy of Australia and New Zealand Pancreas Transplant Registry. (based at National Pancreas Transplant Unit, Westmead Hospital, Sydney).
3. Heart and lung and heart/lung combined figures, Australia only. Courtesy of Australia and New Zealand Cardiothoracic Organ Transplant Registry. 1-year survival figures include grafts 2004-13; five year survival figures include grafts 2004-2013 www.anzcotr.org.au
4. Kidney figures refer to recipients of kidney-only transplants from deceased donors. Courtesy of Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry. 1-year survival figures include grafts 2006-12; five year survival figures include grafts 2006-12. www.anzdata.org.au