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The basic ethical issues in organ transplantation

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In the modern society the number of diseases increases every year and the demand for organ transplantation has rapidly increased all over the world. Unfortunately, the treatment of some diseases is impossible and patients must choose between the death and the organ transplantation. It provides a lot of problems, the main are the organ shortage, organ donors and the supply of the donor organs.

Because of big amount of the patients needing in organ transplantation, not everyone who needs an organ transplant gets one. The number of donated organs has stayed fairly constant over the last few years while the number of people needing organs continues to increase. The concept of distributive justice – how to fairly divide resources – arises around organ transplantation because there are not enough organs available for everyone who needs one. Distributive justice theory states that there is not one “right” way to distribute organs, but rather many ways a person could justify giving an organ to one particular individual over someone else. To avoid the problem of organs shortage we need to find more perspective ways of getting the enough amounts of transplant organs that may reduce the queue of the patients.

One of the most perspective ways for getting donor organs - source of healthy cadaveric organs came from victims of car crashes. Such source is almost ideal because the medicine gets cheap, totally health organs while all volunteers and benefits donors get damages of their bodies and generally the procedure of taking such organs is quite expensive. The other good side is that the source able constantly provide with donor organs because of regularity dying people especial young people on the roads. But the negative side is that with static or declining numbers of car crash fatalities, there are also declining sources of healthy human organs for transplant.

With the development of transplantation on practice the new ethic issues will appear. But receiving an organ donated from a living or deceased donor is a life changing event. We believe the transplants sphere are only on the start level but already has enough forces for reaching new levels and technologies. Organ transplantation is the future of medicine and chance to save many human lives.

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