

By the numbers, part 1:

Close to 1,500 patients are waiting for a donation. Every 23 minutes someone nationally is added to the waiting list. Every 18 minutes somebody dies waiting.

By the numbers, part 2:

IOPO does about 1,500 transplants a year – close to 600 organ transplants and another 900 tissue donations.

Little known fact:

The Indiana effort covers about 140 hospitals across the state and is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country.

Getting started:

Two original procurement groups, based at Methodist Hospital and the Indiana University Medical Center, merged to form IOPO in 1987. Lynn Driver, CEO since 1998, was among the first employees.

Top reason for hesitation:

“A lack of understanding and fear, maybe. You have to think, if your loved one needed a transplant, you would hope that there would be an organ there for them.”

They're all special:

“I think they all move me, every one of them. I've been doing this for 35 years and I still feel the same today as I did then. It's never easy – these families have just been through a very difficult time and they turn around and say, 'Yep, we want to help somebody else.' ”



Indiana Organ Procurement Organization

Saving Lives One At a Time

“I think everybody, and it doesn't matter what kind of work you do, you're going to know somebody at some time that's either going to be affected by donation or transplantation. You can save someone's life, many people's lives, enhance the quality of life for people and I think that means something.”

– Lynn Driver, CEO, Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, www.iopo.org