

Organ Transplantation from Islamic Perspective

The goal and purpose of organ transplantation is to save the patient's life. Organ transplantation is not performed with the intention of humiliating or agonising the deceased. Instead, it is carried out with the intention of saving a life.

Allah SWT promises great rewards for the effort of preserving human life.

This is mentioned in the Quran as follows:

"and if anyone saved a life it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people"

Can Muslims receive organs from non-Muslims ?

There are no restrictions in Islam to transplant organs from non-Muslims to Muslims. This is because human organs cannot be categorized as Islam or otherwise, because organs are tools used by humans to perform his religious duties and his means for living. When an organ is transplanted from a non-Muslim to a Muslim, the organ will become a part of a Muslim's body that can be used for the purpose of fulfilling his responsibilities as ordained by Allah SWT.

Is organ donation similar to torturing the dead ?

From `Aisyah RAH, she heard the Prophet SAW said,

"Verily the act of breaking the bones of the deceased is the same as breaking the person's bones while he is alive."

Basically, the Hadith prohibits any kind of humiliation on the deceased. Islam is very strict in giving due respect to the deceased. However, organ donation and transplantation are not done because of any malicious intent or without any beneficial purposes. These acts are performed as a final resort to save the lives of patients who are in need of organs.

As conclusion, **organ transplantation and donation are permissible in Islam.**

This is because organ transplantation and donation fulfil the requirement in the preservation of human life which is one of the five objectives in maqasid al-syar'iyah.

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