

Organ Donation & Procurement in Asia

Envisioning a sustainable mechanism: Ethical and technical considerations on the organ sharing between Mainland and Hong Kong - Insights from the first historical case

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In recent decades, China's organ transplantation system has undergone significant reform to align with international standards. The reform elucidates an unique synergy between Chinese cultural traditions and the guiding principles set forth by the WHO for organ transplantation.

China's ancient philosophies emphasize the importance of harmony, balance, and respect for life. These values have been instrumental in shaping China's transformative organ transplantation reforms. Marrying traditional Chinese ethos with WHO's emphasis on ethics, voluntarism, and transparency, China has nurtured a system where transplantation upholds the sanctity of both donors and recipients.

A robust legal framework has been pivotal in the process, introducing critical legal measures like the organ allocation policy, organ transportation green channel policy, organ procurement cost recovery regulation.

With the significant collaboration with the Red Cross Society of China, the China National Organ Donation and Transplantation Committee has been instrumental in spearheading these reforms. By advocating for community engagement and education, the committee has ushered in an era where organ donation is not just a clinical endeavour but a societal movement infused in compassion, altruism, and respect for life. The committee's vision also transcended mere procedural shifts. It ensured a comprehensive and effective systematic approach, ranging from integrating global best practices, crafting meticulous allocation protocols, to instating a robust supervisory framework. As such, the reform is not just a cultural awakening; it marks a structured and systematized evolution. These advancements embody a deliberate, structured, and systematized evolution that positions China's organ transplantation ecosystem at par with global paradigms.

China's transformative journey underscores the power of synergizing ancient wisdom with contemporary global guidelines, potentially serving as an testament for other countries on the global stage that are seeking to craft an ethical and sustainable organ transplantation framework, particularly for Asia countries sharing similar historical, cultural and philosophical background and challenges.