

Organ and Tissue Donation and Recovery Process Continuing Education

Effective May 1, 2026, osteopathic physicians must complete at least 2 hours of continuing education in organ and tissue donation and recovery process (organ donation) one time within 5 years of initial licensure or within 5 years of licensure renewal, whichever comes first. The Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) and Gift of Life Donor Program are the organ procurement organizations designated by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services for this region. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine (Board) worked with these organ procurement organizations to develop and adopt the following six-part curriculum:

- (1) Overview of the Organ Donation & Transplantation System
- (2) Tissue Donation Process
- (3) Organ Donation Process
- (4) Determining Death and Family Communication
- (5) Caring for Families
- (6) Organ Donor Management

To satisfy the mandatory organ donation requirement, continuing education shall consist of the six-part curriculum. Continuing education providers may obtain information about the six-part curriculum from the organ procurement organizations. To obtain credit hours, the education must be taken through CME that meets AOA PRA Category 1 or AOA PRA Category 2 standards, as required under 49 Pa. Code § 25.271(c). The 2 credit hours may be attributed to the 100 credit hours required for biennial renewal.

Osteopathic physicians are required to keep a certificate of completion for their records in the event of audit. The final regulation implementing this requirement is anticipated to be published as final in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on April 25, 2026.