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Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation

23rd Annual Meeting

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Objective:

- ◆ Diversity in Organ Transplantation.
- ◆ Life style before the Transplant.
- ◆ Medical treatment and Post transplant care.
- ◆ Organ donation myths in ethnic communities .
- ◆ What inspires me now is service for Mankind.
- ◆ Thanks to the Donor for a Gift of Life.



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Multicultural Perspectives in Transplantation





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Life style before:

- ◆ Mohan born in India.
- ◆ Migrated to US in 1972.
- ◆ Berkeley graduate 1977.
- ◆ Worked as Engineer.
- ◆ Has wife and daughters.





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There are many religions:

- ◆ Asian sub continent has many religions.
- ◆ Majority of them are Hindus.
- ◆ There are many languages.
- ◆ There are many believes.
- ◆ They all respect the value of Life.





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Life of a Recipient:

- ◆ Heart Attack in 1985.
- ◆ Stent in - San Diego by Dr. Schatz in 1992 and 93.
- ◆ Heart Transplant by Dr. Philip Oyer Stanford -1993.
- ◆ Years after transplant 22.





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Increased awareness:



- ◆ MOHAN FOUNDATION team in India.
- ◆ There are many organ donation sites in India.



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Life – Pass it on ...



- ◆ Organ transplant can save lives of many.
- ◆ This is the best “Gift of Life” one can give.



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Organ donation Myths :

- ◆ I am too old to be a donor.
- ◆ I can not be a donor, I have Medical condition.
- ◆ My organs may not go the most needy.
- ◆ Organ donation will delay my funeral.
- ◆ Donation will leave my body disfigured .



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Organ donation Myths :

- ◆ After being declared brain dead I may still live.
- ◆ I may not get proper medical care.
- ◆ My religion does not support organ donation.
- ◆ I do not have a donor card so I cannot donate.
- ◆ As registered donor I cannot change my mind.



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When to talk about organ donation:

- ◆ Mostly you hear about it after brain death.
- ◆ It has been a taboo to bring up this discussion .
- ◆ People do not want to talk about death.
- ◆ Now there is more awareness and signup.
- ◆ The discussion is more important then signup.



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Awareness thru the film media



- ◆ Ship of Theseus by Anand Gandhi.
- ◆ Award winning film with the right message.



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Awareness thru celebrities:



- ◆ Film producers and actors promote the cause.
- ◆ Amir Khan & Kiran support Organ donation.



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Life of a Recipient:

- ◆ On the air in Delhi with RJ Divya.
- ◆ Thousands signed up to be donors but millions heard us talk about donation.
- ◆ Mohan Foundation Card.





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