

# PROPOSITIONS



Accompanying the thesis

## ASSESSING BARRIERS TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN ORGAN DONATION

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1. Clinicians who feel comfortable explaining brain death to a patient's family do not necessarily understand the definitions involved (this thesis).
2. Having received education on organ donation is associated with more positive views about organ donation among ED clinicians (this thesis).
3. Female ED clinicians in Australia hold more positive views on organ donation than males (this thesis).
4. There is a large discrepancy between the number of Australian ED clinicians who indicate they want to donate organs after death and the number that indicate they have registered this on the organ donor register (this thesis).
5. The Dutch are more likely to register their wish to not become an organ donor compared to Australians (this thesis).
6. Even if you are registered as not willing to donate in Australia, your family should be able to override this.
7. Pragmatism plays a big role for Australians when deciding to consent to donate organs of a deceased family member.
8. Reducing your risk for common diseases (cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes) is simple and cheap: eat a plant-based diet.
9. "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." (Nelson Mandela)
10. "If you're going to die, you may as well get something out of it" (brother of an organ donor)
11. "Se vogliamo che tutto rimanga come è, bisogna che tutto cambi" (Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa) - If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change.

