

Organum Donum - UCMS
Medical Education Unit,
UCMS and GTB Hospital, Delhi

Organum Donum, UCMS is a faculty supervised student society in UCMS and GTB Hospital to promote the cause of organ donation in UCMS and GTB Hospital and also various other campuses and sectors. This is under the Medical Education Unit of UCMS and GTB Hospital and was officially started in 2018. The student coordinators and co-coordinators lead their team which includes student members from all the admission years starting from 2019 onwards. These teams induct members from the first year medical students as and when they join the college and are a part of the team till they are in college. Various activities are carried out by this student led society to create awareness, support the blood donation programs and so on. An overview of the types of programs organised by this society is given below.

1. Continuous Medical Education: Organum Donum UCMS has conducted CME for faculty and the students in UCMS and GTB Hospital as well as in other medical colleges in other hospitals and institutions in Delhi, Haryana and Gujarat. These CMEs sensitise the medical fraternity about the importance of organ donation, the myths and misconceptions associated with it and the guidelines of the regulatory bodies of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare related to organ donation in India.
2. Quiz competitions: OD UCMS organises quiz competitions from time to time at the college and intercollege levels. During Covid-19 lockdown and suspension of in-person teaching too, OD UCMS continued to organise these competitions online. Online platform gave the opportunity to conduct national level quiz competitions. These quiz competitions focus on the clinical and other technical aspects of organ donation procedures, and eligibility criteria.
3. Blood donation camps: OD UCMS organises blood donation camps on a regular basis in collaboration with the Blood bank of UCMS and GTB Hospital. Its student members motivate other students and healthcare staff and even community people to donate blood during these camps. They also provide all support for the smooth conduct of these blood camps: from planning to execution.
4. Cycle rallies: Since 2019 OD UCMS has conducted cycle rallies in Delhi to raise organ donation awareness among the general public as well as the medical students. These rallies cover around 20-30 km and connect two to three teaching hospitals of Delhi.
5. MBBS students' orientation program: OD UCMS regularly conducts an Organ Donation Orientation session for the first year medical students during their Foundation Course. This helps the medical students to be sensitised about the importance of organ donation right from the start of their medical career.
6. Campus Ambassador program: One recent initiative has been taken up by OD UCMS i.e. Campus Ambassador program in which medical students are identified as Campus Ambassador of Organum Donum so as to spread social and medical awareness about organ donation in their respective campuses. At present this is limited to medical colleges from Delhi. Depending upon the response, it will be modified and expansion of this program will be planned in future.

Overall the Organum Donum, UCMS of UCMS and GTB hospital is giving opportunity to the students to develop leadership, team building, creative, and communication skills for a social cause. All the students in OD UCMS work on a voluntary basis and are championing the cause of Organ donation in India.

For more information visit:

<https://medicaleducationucms.weebly.com/organum-donum-society-organ-donation.html>

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