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Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting



Organisation

Independent medical NGO
founded 2006 formed of medical
professionals worldwide.

Nominated Nobel Peace Prize
2016, 2017 and 2024.

Winner of 2019 Mother Teresa
Memorial Award for Social Justice.



Core Mission

Documents and combats forced
organ harvesting - removal of
organs without free, informed
consent.

Had focused heavily on FOH from
prisoners of conscience in China.



Key Activities

Independent forensic research.

Medical community education.

Engagement with parliaments and
international bodies.

Advocacy for transplant tourism
legislation.

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Medical publications

Correspondence www.thelancet.com Vol 385 March 7, 2015

Organ transplantation in China: concerns remain

Torsten Trey, *Adnan Sharif, Maria Fiatarone Singh, Zain Khalpey, Arthur L Caplan
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Personal Viewpoint

Transplant Medicine in China: Need for Transparency and International Scrutiny Remains

T. Trey¹, A. Sharif^{1,2}, A. Schwarz³, M. Fiatarone Singh^{1,4} and J. Lavee^{1,5,*} maintain the academic embargo on Chinese transplant professionals.

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Personal Viewpoint

Organ Procurement From Executed Prisoners in China

A. Sharif, M. Fiatarone Singh, T. Trey and J. Lavee

Robertson et al. BMC Medical Ethics (2019) 20:79
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12914-019-0406-6>

BMC Medical Ethics

RESEARCH ARTICLE Open Access

Analysis of official deceased organ donation data casts doubt on the credibility of China's organ transplant reform

Matthew P. Robertson^{1,2}, Raymond L. Hinde³ and Jacob Lavee^{4*}



<https://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/china>



CHINATRIBUNAL

Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China

<https://chinatribunal.com>

UYGHUR TRIBUNAL

<https://uyghurtribunal.com>

The Santiago de Compostela Convention

Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (CETS No.216)



2012

Drafted by
Council of Europe
experts



2015

Opened for
signature in
Santiago de
Compostela



2018

Entered
force (5 ratifications)



2026

~16 ratifications; 13
signatures

01 Criminalisation

States must criminalise illicit organ removal, transplant tourism, solicitation, and aiding/abetting trafficking in organs.

02 Victim Protection

Establishes rights for victims, witnesses, and compensation measures; safeguards public health.

03 International Co-operation

Promotes transparency of national transplant systems and cross-border enforcement. Accession open to all states globally.

DAFOH as Observer

Shared Goals \ Collaborative Working \ International Networking



What DAFOH Brings to the Convention

 Two decades of independent forensic evidence: transplant volume anomalies, tissue-typing in detention facilities, implausible organ wait-times etc.

 Medical expertise to define 'illicit removal' in clinical practice - bridging the need between legal obligations and real-world transplant detection.

 Use of existing legislative relationships across Europe, North America, and Asia to support broader ratification of the Convention.

 Documentation of victim identity critical for the Convention's victim protection mandate

 Clinically grounded guidance for medical regulators on suspicious transplant red flags - operationalising the doctor accountability clauses.

 Shared concern regarding inadequate data and inability to distinguish hearsay from objective evidence.