A New Push to End Ban on HIV-Positive Organ Transplants

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While it’s currently illegal in the United States to transplant organs from HIV-positive donors, various health officials and scientific experts recommend changing the law so that HIV-positive people can receive organs from HIV-positive donors, The New York Times reports. If the 23-year-old ban is lifted, transplants will most likely begin with clinical trials to study the risks of rejection, superinfection and other potential problems. One report estimates that 500 to 600 HIV-infected kidneys and livers would be available for transplant each year if the ban were lifted. Other experts predict instances in which HIV-negative people would elect to have transplants from HIV-positive people rather than face kidney or liver failure.

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