

# Texas Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs)

By federal law, non-profit organ procurement organizations (OPOs) are the only organizations that can perform the life-saving mission of recovering organs from deceased donors for transplantation. Since Texas is so large, the state is served by three OPOs: **LifeGift**, **Southwest Transplant Alliance** and **Texas Organ Sharing Alliance**.




The OPOs are divided into regions and allow for anyone to list at multiple transplant hospitals in different regions. Different regions serve different cities in Texas.

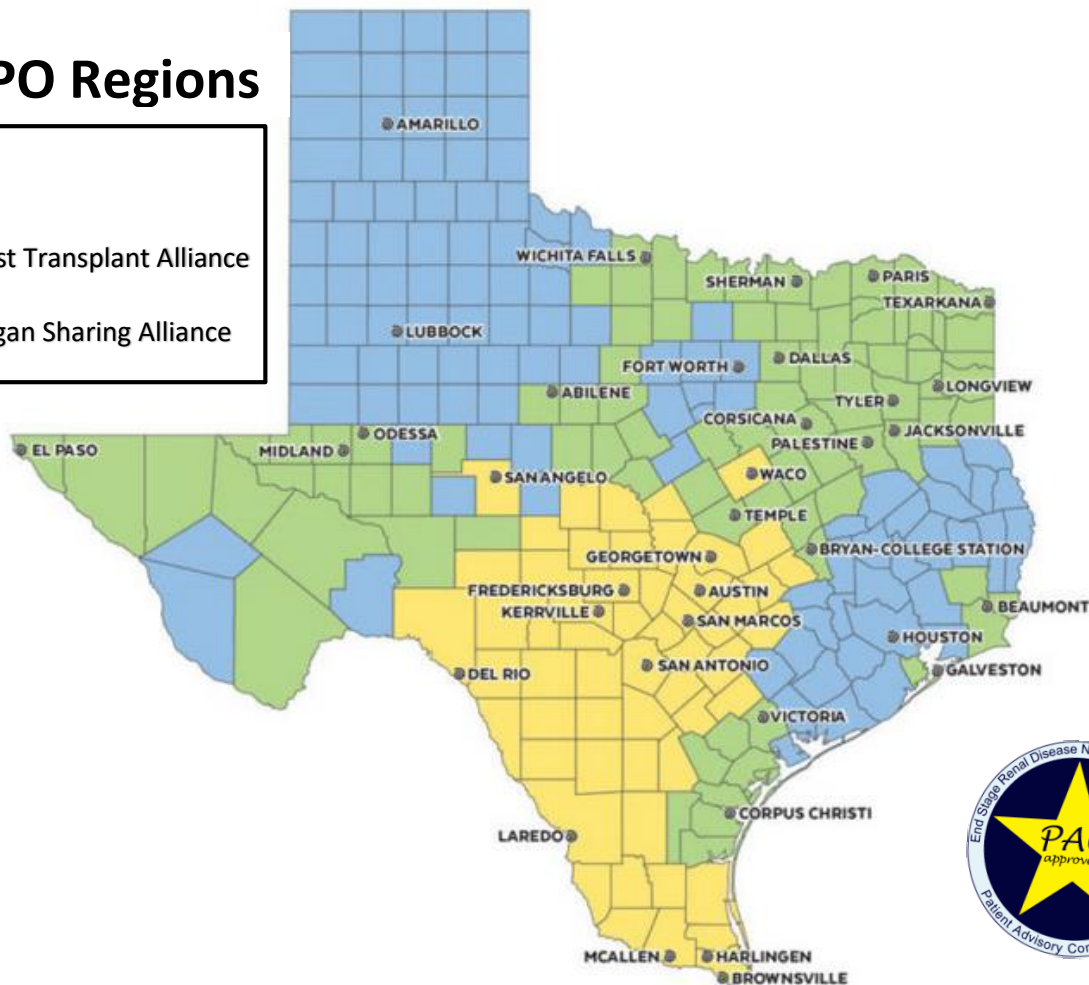
To effectively list at multiple Transplant Hospitals, you must look at the cities you wish to list in and make sure they are not in the same region. Listing in two different regions may make waiting for a kidney shorter.

For example, if you lived in Austin, TX it would not benefit you to also list in San Antonio, TX as these two cities are in the same region.

Another example is Dallas, TX. If you live in Dallas, TX you could also list in Fort Worth, TX as these two cities are in different regions. If you are on a waiting list on multiple OPOs, you will have access to more donor pools. Some OPO waiting lists move more quickly than others based on organ availability, number of individuals on the waiting list, and the transplant centers within the OPO. **You may get a kidney faster if you enlist in ALL 3 OPO's**

## Texas OPO Regions

	LifeGift
	Southwest Transplant Alliance
	Texas Organ Sharing Alliance



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