Not all organ donation increases equal OPO improvement

“After controlling for increases owing to the opioid epidemic, as well as transplant center advancements which have increased the absolute size of the donor pool, over the last nine years it turns out the OPO industry has not even kept pace with simple population growth.”

- OPO CEO

There were 3,848 more deceased organ donors in 2019 than in 2009. What drove that increase?

- 1,798 donors attributable to transplant center advancements in donation after circulatory death (DCD)
- 1,724 donors attributable to increased deaths related to drugs or despair
- 866 donors enabled by hep c cure research
- Approximately 450 donors not explained by DCD, opioid epidemic, or hep c advancements

Growth not explained by known factors, compared to U.S. population growth

New deceased donors not explained by DCD, opioid epidemic, or hep c advancements: 5.6%

U.S. population growth: 7%

Note: because there is some overlap between categories of donors, totals equal more than 100%