Organ Procurement

South China's Guangdong Province is establishing organ procurement organizations (OPOs), local health

authorities said on September 14.

The Department of Health of Guangdong said that 80 medical personnel are to receive training and become coordinators working at the newly established OPOs.

Information on organs collected by the new OPOs will be recorded in the OPOs system, and hospitals in the province will be given priority in obtaining the organs, officials said.

Rules effective nationwide on September 1 stipulate that organs shall be donated to OPOs authorized by provincial health authorities, and distribution of the organs must be done through the China Organ Transplant Response System (www. cotorg.cn).