

Too Promiscuous To Donate An Organ? Maybe, CDC Says

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If you've had sex with two or more partners in the past year, you may be considered a risky organ donor, at least according to proposed new federal health guidelines that have drawn sharp protests from transplant experts who say they're far too broad.

"With the new guidelines, every college student in America will be high risk," said Dr. Harry Dorn-Arias, a transplant surgeon at the University of Virginia. "Right now, it's probably a prostitute or a guy with a needle in his arm. Next time, it will be just a young guy."

Under the new [policy proposed this fall by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) [1], deceased and living donors who were not monogamous in the previous 12 months would be considered at increased risk of transmitting HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C -- even if they had no other risk factors

CDC officials say the proposed guidelines are aimed at making the organ supply safer and preventing accidental transmission of life-threatening infections. The policies wouldn't absolutely ban anyone from donating, especially in an exceptional or life-saving situation, but they would call for more scrutiny and testing.

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