

**PASSAGE #3**Organ Transplant

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For centuries, doctors have believed that they could replace people's failing organs with new organs from other people or even from animals. Some of the earliest, reliable accounts of successful organ transplants were with skin and corneas in the eyes. However, there is little reliable evidence that larger organs such as hearts, kidneys, and livers had been transplanted before modern times. Transplants are difficult due to issues with a lack of quality donated organs, blood flow to new organs, and clean operating conditions. Transplants also fail because a person's autoimmune system will often reject new organs.

MISSING

There was no failure because the autoimmune systems were so similar.