



# Organs for Sale

Why wait for a liver transplant at home when you can buy one overseas?

**In a macabre turn for medical tourism,** body brokers are now connecting wealthy patients with healthy but poor people willing to sell their organs for cash. The international market for human parts is thriving: A kidney goes for \$25,000 in Russia, a heart for \$290,000 in South Africa. Sound expensive? It's often a fraction of the cost of surgery at home—and delivery takes weeks instead of years. For the biggest inventory, head to China, where many organs available for transplant are “donated” by executed prisoners—a practice the government says it's trying to end. —MICHELLE TSAI



## Kidney

\$15,000-40,000 PAKISTAN  
\$20,000 IRAQ  
\$25,000 RUSSIA  
\$35,000-85,000 PHILIPPINES  
\$65,000 CHINA  
\$80,000 COLOMBIA  
\$200,000 SOUTH AFRICA  
\$145,000 TURKEY



## Lung

\$150,000-170,000 CHINA  
\$290,000 SINGAPORE  
\$290,000 SOUTH AFRICA  
\$290,000 SOUTH KOREA  
\$290,000 TAIWAN



## Liver

\$25,000 EGYPT  
\$25,000 PAKISTAN  
\$60,000-130,000 CHINA  
\$100,000 COLOMBIA  
\$100,000 PHILIPPINES  
\$290,000 SINGAPORE  
\$290,000 SOUTH AFRICA  
\$290,000 SOUTH KOREA  
\$290,000 TAIWAN



## Pancreas

\$110,000 CHINA  
\$140,000 SINGAPORE  
\$140,000 SOUTH AFRICA  
\$140,000 SOUTH KOREA  
\$140,000 TAIWAN



## Heart

\$90,000 COLOMBIA  
\$130,000-160,000 CHINA  
\$290,000 SOUTH AFRICA  
\$290,000 SOUTH KOREA  
\$290,000 TAIWAN  
\$290,000 SINGAPORE