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## A PIECE OF LIFE

The ethical, legal and medical issues surrounding organ transplants. A report

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Imagine you're a doctor. There are two 30-year-old women in your intensive care unit – one with severe head injuries and no chance of survival, the other with a fatal heart defect whose only chance for life is to have a donor heart implanted. What would you do? This is just one of many questions that exceed our emotional and ethical competencies. Doctors, ethicists and lawyers have to find the answers to them, always in the interest of life. But are we allowed to do everything that we can do? Zoran Dobrić has talked to patients, doctors, living donors, relatives of the deceased, scientists and theologians. He has observed all the key processes of organ transplantation, including brain death diagnosis and organ removal.

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