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Several European hospitals choose the STEEN Solution™ method for transplantations

The Puerta de Hierro hospital in Madrid is the first Spanish hospital to have begun using the STEEN Solution™ method clinically. Lungs from heart-dead donors have been used and the results are very good.

Three British centres, the latest of which was Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, and the Spanish centre Puerto de Hierro in Madrid, have announced that they have performed clinical transplantations using the STEEN Solution™ technology. Good results have been reported in all cases. In Madrid the technology has been used for the first time on heart-dead donors who have died outside the hospital. The functioning of this category of lungs cannot be ensured without an evaluation in a system outside the body.

The STEEN Solution™ method considerably increases the number of potential organs that can be transplanted. Today less than 20 percent of the lungs donated in the USA are transplanted, due to uncertainty about the functioning of the organ. In the long term the STEEN Solution™ method can lead to five to ten times more lung transplantations being performed, as the demand for donated organs using today's methods considerably exceeds the supply.

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