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Why not have a place on the back of every Bank Card where holders can indicate that they are willing to be organ donors? People are much more likely to be carrying a bank card with them when they have a fatal accident than any kind of Organ Donor Card or to have prior registration with the computer register. Banks could record consent whenever they issue new cards or renew old ones. They could issue cards with Red Crosses on them when customers give consent (or just have a second signature strip). It would need International agreement from the Association for Payment Clearing Services (APACS) suppliers, but every country in the World is now short of organs for transplantation.