



MedStar Georgetown
Transplant Institute

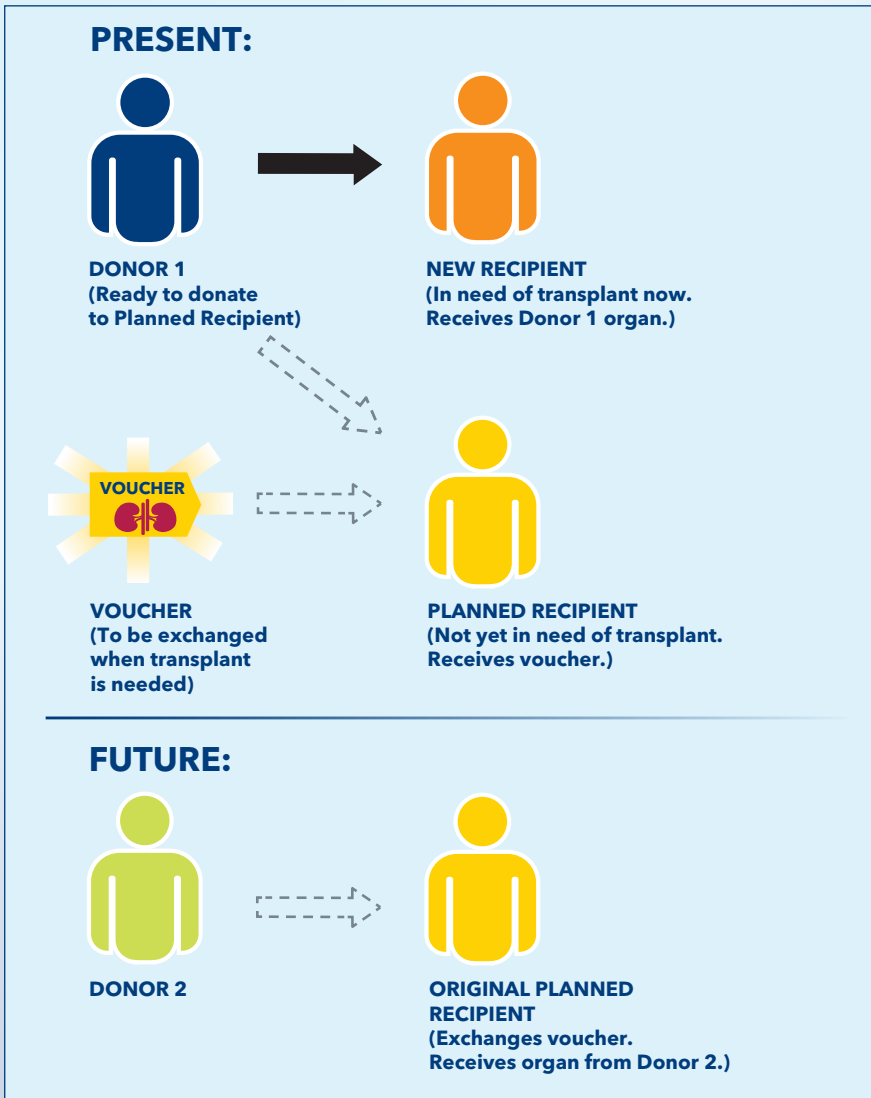


Living Kidney Donors: Advanced Donation Program

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MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is among the top transplant programs in the nation. The Institute partners with the National Kidney Registry (NKR) and participates in its Advanced Donation Program (ADP). ADP allows a donor to donate on a specific date even if the intended paired recipient is not ready for transplant. The intended recipient then will receive a kidney when the time is right.

How ADP Works



What is the Advanced Donation Program?

The Advanced Donation Program is a paired exchange program where the donor and recipient operations can be separated in time. This flexibility in timing allows the donor to choose a convenient time frame for surgery, with their donated kidney going to a recipient in immediate need at that time. The intended recipient will be prioritized for transplantation using another donated kidney when he or she needs transplant surgery.

Reasons to Consider ADP

- Intended recipient not ready for transplant, but donor may not be able to donate in the future
- Donor would like to schedule donation to accommodate work, leave time, or other life events
- Logistical issues for donor

What are the Advantages?

- Q.** Can advanced donation help me if I'm trying to donate to my brother but I am leaving for work overseas in a few months?
- A.** Yes, you can make the donation when it's convenient for you. You can donate now to a participating recipient and your brother can receive his transplant from a different participating donor later when he is ready.
- Q.** My best friend's son needs a kidney, but not for several years. I'm worried I might not be healthy enough at that time. Can advanced donation help me?
- A.** Yes, you can designate the intended recipient as a voucher recipient and he will be given priority in the future for a transplant from another matched donor. Plus, you'll be helping someone who needs a kidney now.

Are There Any Requirements or Disclosures?

All potential living donor candidates must be approved medically by the Living Donor Committee. In addition:

- The ADP donor and recipient must complete and return the consent forms to apply for ADP participation.
- We encourage you to read the published short-term ADP and voucher ADP case reports. You can read the reports by visiting **KidneyRegistry.org**.
- An ADP donor can identify multiple recipients, but only one voucher can be exchanged for transplant.
- The ADP donor and intended recipient can be at different centers but those centers must both be NKR ADP participating centers.
- Keep in mind that appropriate matching must occur between a potential donor and recipient in order for the voucher to be redeemed.

Why Choose Us for Your Kidney Transplant?

MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is a leader in kidney transplantation.

- Largest volume living donor program in the region
- A team that includes some of the foremost kidney specialists in the country
- Access to a wide range of innovative kidney transplant options
- Outcomes and survival rates that are among the best in the nation
- Paired kidney exchange and the management of recipients and donors who are incompatible
- One of the most successful laparoscopic living donor kidney programs in the region
- **We are the area's only National Kidney Registry Donor Shield program, providing a range of donor protections that are otherwise not offered in the region.**

For more information about Donor Shield Protections contact Sarah Cady, Living Donor Social Worker, at 202-444-6038 or Sarah.E.Cady@gunet.georgetown.edu.

Through Advanced Donation, a Son Helps His Father Get the Kidney He Needs

In March 2018, 58-year-old Ivan Jones was surprised to hear he had end-stage kidney failure and needed a transplant. His 20-year-old son Amir Rachmat-Jones didn't hesitate to offer to donate one of his kidneys.

Unfortunately, their blood types were incompatible. The MedStar Georgetown transplant team suggested he participate in the paired kidney exchange program. Through the program, his kidney would be transplanted into someone with compatible blood and tissue types and his father would receive a kidney from another compatible living donor.



While Amir liked the idea, there was another complicating factor. He had been admitted to a research program at Princeton University that started in June and the date of his father's transplant was unpredictable.

Fortunately, they were able to participate in the Advanced Donation Program through the National Kidney Registry (NKR). Amir donated a kidney on his father's behalf by scheduling his surgery before his summer program. His father then received a voucher for a kidney from a living donor in the future.

In October, a living donor was found for Ivan. On November 14, about five and a half months after Amir's donation, Ivan had his kidney transplant.

"At first I was frustrated that I couldn't be a direct donor to my dad," says Amir. "But after realizing I could help not only him, but also someone else, it was a real moment of gratitude for me. I'm just so grateful for this opportunity that allowed me to continue with my plans and for my dad to receive a kidney from a living donor."

Important Phone Numbers

Paired Kidney Exchange Coordinator	202-444-6058
Living Donor Social Worker/Donor Advocate	202-444-6038
Living Donor Liaison	202-444-3714

The Living Donor Team is committed to providing the highest quality of care and education to patients and their families.

If you would like to speak with a team member about living donation please call **202-444-3714**.

To begin the process of becoming a living kidney donor, please visit **[MedStarGeorgetown.org/LivingKidneyDonor](https://www.MedStarGeorgetown.org/LivingKidneyDonor)** to complete the donor questionnaire.



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