



Consent Addendum for Participation in KPD/NKR and Non-Directed and Bridge Donation

This form will serve as both an educational guide as well as consent for participation in the NKR/KPD exchange programs.

General Information

- Donor candidate must be 18 years old
- Donor candidate must not be registered as a potential donor for any other candidate in the KPD/NKR program
- Hartford Hospital must have consent to share information with centers participating in the exchange process. No match runs will be initiated without **signed consent** from both the recipient and donor in the medical record.

Matching Requirements (Recipient and Donor)

- Donor and recipient pairs will be matched by external databases that partner with Hartford Hospital Transplant Center.
- Donors and candidates may be matched using a process that maximizes the number of matched pairs. This matching includes consideration for special groups such as children and highly sensitized recipients. **Donors and candidates do not choose their match.**
- All living donors are evaluated and cleared for donation according to standard criteria.
- Donors are matched based on blood type and antigens compared to candidate blood types and antibodies.
- **The recipient hospital decides if the matched donor kidney is suitable for their recipient.** However, other considerations can be included to identify match opportunities (such as willingness to accept a shipped kidney or distance willing to travel).
- There is one solution for each match run, not many solutions.
- Personal information is not given to the donor or recipient prior to donation or transplant. Anonymity is maintained prior to transplant.
- **Donors and candidates have the right to turn down any match offered at any time in the process.**
- Future (post-procedure) communication may be possible between the donor and recipient through Hartford Hospital Transplant Center if all parties are willing to meet and have signed consent.
- **Donor and/or candidate can choose to pull out of the program at any time.**

Patient Initials

Disclosure of Medical Information (Recipient and Donor)

- You have signed an agreement form allowing us to share your personal health information. This information will be shared with all transplant hospitals to which you are matched.
- The potential donor's identity may be disclosed on the recipient's insurance documentation.
- You are entitled to outcome information of any hospital involved in the process.

Patient Initials



Logistics of Pairs/Chains (Recipient and Donor)

- Donor surgeries begin as close to simultaneous as logistically possible, ideally within 24 hours.
- Recipient surgeries begin after donor surgeries.
- In the event of a chain with bridge donation, the recipient surgery will occur first.

Patient Initials

Failed Exchange (Recipient and Donor)

- When a kidney is donated but the paired candidate does not receive a transplant, it is called a failed exchange.
- An unexpected event may occur that could prevent donation or recipient transplantation because of issues found before or during surgery.
- Examples could include:
 - Unexpected injury or issue with the donor kidney found during or after surgery.
 - Unexpected event during the donor surgery that makes it necessary to stop the donor procedure. If already begun, the other surgeries in the match will continue as planned.
 - Unexpected event at the recipient surgery making it necessary to stop the recipient surgery. In this case the kidney would be assigned to the deceased donor waitlist.
- There is no priority on the deceased donor waiting list for a candidate involved in a failed exchange.

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Commitment of Pairs to Exchange (Recipient and Donor)

- Donors and potential recipients are not required to sign a formal contract promising that they will follow through with participation.
- Donors and potential recipients are strongly encouraged to ask questions and to discuss all aspects of the exchange with the transplant team and other health care providers.
- The donor receives no medical benefit from the operative procedure of donation. Donors may not receive reimbursement (including monetary or material gain) for agreeing to be a donor.
- Recipient/donor pairs should discuss the procedures with their caregivers and family.

Patient Initials



For Shipped Living Donor Organs (Recipient and Donor)

- There is an increased risk for organ loss associated with transport if the donor's organ will not be transplanted at the recovery center,
- A signature is needed if the recipient agrees to receive a donor kidney that has been shipped from another hospital.
- A signature is needed if the donor agrees to have his/her kidney shipped to another hospital.
- A donor may choose to travel to the recipient hospital rather than agree to shipping of the kidney.
- Possible negative consequences of shipping a kidney include:
 - Delay in function of the organ due to extra time of transportation between hospitals.
 - Damage or loss of organ during transportation between hospitals.

Patient Initials

Additional Information for Donors

- Donors may have to wait to find a match in paired exchange and non-directed donation.
- Even when a match is found, donors may have to wait until final medical testing, appointments or logistics are completed.
- Donors may help more than one candidate receive a transplant. Donation may help in long chains of recipients.
- Many matches are stopped prior to donation and transplantation. Donors may need to supply blood samples many times to crossmatch against candidates in different matches.
- The matched candidate's insurance may not cover travel costs if the paired donor travels to the matched recipient transplant hospital. A paired donor may qualify for help through the *National Living Donor Assistance Center*.
- The donor's matched and paired recipients might not have the same results.

Patient Initials

Bridge Donors

- You may have the opportunity to be a bridge donor in a chain.
- Bridge donors may have to wait a period of time depending on blood type:
 - Blood type O donors usually match quickly
 - AB blood type donors may take months or longer to match
 - B blood type donors have intermediate waiting time
- If you become a bridge donor, we will contact you with every possible match to verify you can donate for that pending match.
- The chain will end at the decision of the transplant program.
- While waiting, bridge donors may need to supply blood samples many times. This is needed to crossmatch against candidates in possible matches.
- Bridge donors can decide to donate to the deceased donor waitlist at any time.
- We will record in your medical record how long you are willing to remain a bridge donor every 3 months.
- You may need to have another medical evaluation at a future time.

Patient Initials or N/A



Non-Directed Donors

- Non-directed donors may participate in one or more Kidney Paired Donation programs.
- Non-directed donors may donate directly to the deceased donor waitlist

Patient Initials or N/A

Key: Patient Name: _____ Initials: _____

For the shipment of a living donor kidney:

I have been informed of the possible negative consequences related to shipping a kidney, including that the donor's kidney could be lost in transport. I am willing to receive a kidney that has been shipped (recipient). I am willing to have my kidney shipped (donor).

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Participant Name (print): _____

Transplant Staff Name (print): _____

Transplant Staff Signature: _____ Date _____ Time: _____

I have reviewed the *Consent Addendum for Participation in KPD/NKR/Bridge donation/Non-Directed Donation* with this patient.

Transplant Staff Signature/Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Transplant Staff Name (print): _____

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The items on this form have been explained to me. I have had all of my questions answered. I hereby consent to participate in the Kidney Paired Donation, Non-Directed Donation or Bridge Donation Program. I understand that I can withdraw my consent for participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.

Participant Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Transplant Staff: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Transplant Staff Name (print): _____