

The Facts about Kidney Donation

Share your spare!



Someone who needs a kidney transplant can spend an average of **4-7 YEARS** waiting for an organ on the National Organ Transplant registry.



But if you have a living donor, the wait time can be just a **FEW MONTHS VERSUS SEVERAL YEARS.**

In 2018, more than **97,000 PEOPLE** are waiting for a deceased donor kidney.



Becoming a living donor can be scary, but remember donor safety is always our **#1 PRIORITY!**

Living Donation Advantages

- 1.** A living donor transplant is the **BEST OPTION** for people with kidney disease.
- 2.** Donating a kidney is the ultimate **GIFT OF LIFE.** Living kidney donation saves lives.
- 3.** Living donors pay **ZERO COSTS** related to surgery. Evaluation and surgery are covered by Medicare or the recipient's insurance.

Transplants By The Numbers

19,851

Kidney transplants performed nationally in 2017.

5,813

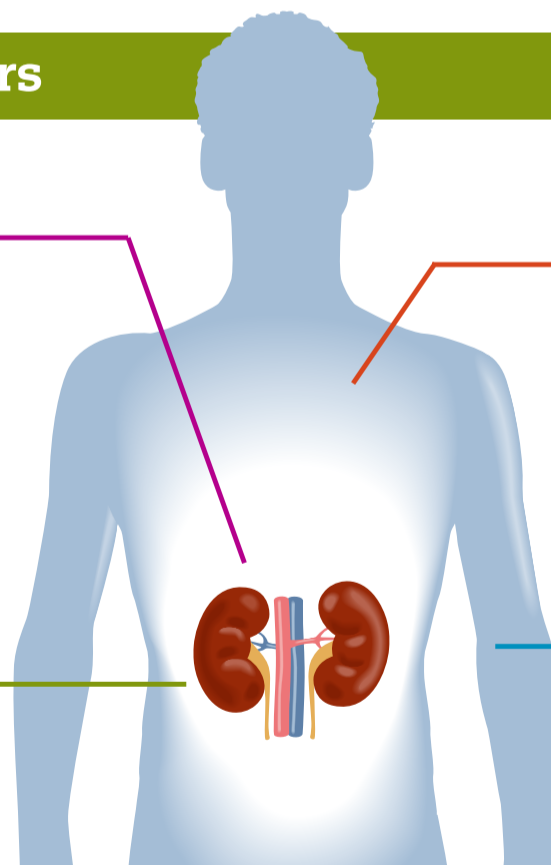
Kidney transplants were from a living donor in 2017.

84

Kidney transplants performed at Hartford Hospital in 2017.

26

Living kidney donors at Hartford Hospital in 2017.



Living Kidney Donation at Hartford Hospital

Not a match, not a problem. Over the last decade advances in Kidney Paired Donation Programs have allowed for incompatible pairs to participate in kidney paired exchanges.

Hartford Hospital was involved in the longest multi-hospital Living Donor Kidney Chain in U.S. history in 2015 – **involving 68 kidney donors and recipients.**

You can make a difference. Become a living kidney donor.

For more information on Living Kidney Donation, please call one of our Living Kidney Donor Coordinators at **860.972.9918** or **860.972.4632**. For more information on Living Kidney Donation, please visit hartfordhospital.org/livingkidneydonation.