



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.
- Donors are matched based on blood type and antigens compared to candidate blood types and antibodies.
- There is one solution for each match run, not many solutions.
- All living donors are evaluated and cleared for donation according to standard criteria.
- 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).
- Personal information is not given to the donor or recipient prior to donation or transplant. Anonymity is maintained prior to transplant.
- 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.
- Donors and candidates have the right to turn down any match offered at any time in the process.
- 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)

- Even if the candidate's paired donor donates, the paired candidate might not be transplanted
- 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 matched 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.

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Remedy for Failed Exchanges (Recipient and Donor)

- **There is no priority on the deceased donor waiting list for a candidate involved in a failed exchange.**
- **Recipients involved in an NKR Real Time Swap Failure will be prioritized for matching per NKR's Match Offer Selection Policy**
- **Hartford Hospital has no remedy for failed exchanges, however will make any reasonable effort to match candidates involved in a failed exchange with a compatible nondirected donor (subject to availability)**

Patient Initials

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 (Donor Only)

- 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 longer to donate after a match has been identified because of logistical issues.
- Donors may help more than one candidate receive a transplant. Donation may help in long chains of recipients.
- Donors may require additional testing, including multiple blood draws for crossmatching.
- Personal expenses of travel, housing, childcare costs, and lost wages related to donation might not be reimbursed; however, resources might be available to defray some donation related costs. The donor's matched and paired recipients might not have equal outcomes.
- Paired donor's kidney might not be transplanted or matched candidate may not be transplanted

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Bridge Donors (Donor Only)



- You may have the opportunity to be a bridge donor in a chain.
- Bridge donors may have to wait a period of 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 donor may decline to donate at any time, for any reason
- Bridge donor options for donation include:
 - Continued participation as a bridge donor in the KPD program
 - Donation to a candidate waiting for a deceased donor kidney
- The bridge donor determines the amount of time the donor is willing to be a bridge donor.
 - The length of time will be documented in the medical record
 - The bridge donor may revise the length of time, and any revisions will be documented
- You may need to have another medical evaluation at a future time.

Patient Initials or N/A

Non-Directed Donors (Donor Only)

- 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

Options Within KPD/NKR (Recipient Only)

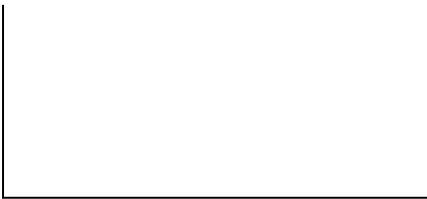
- I understand that the transplant center will evaluate all match offers I receive.
- I have discussed my preferences (if any) with my exchange coordinator.
- These preferences may be changed over time.

Patient Initials or N/A

Disclosure of graft status (Recipient Only)

- The National Kidney Registry will provide updates on the status of transplanted kidneys
- This information is viewable through a secure password protected website
- My initials indicate that I am willing to disclose the graft status through the National Kidney Registry's password protected website.

Patient Initials or N/A



Chain End Waitlist Offer (Recipient Only)

- As the recipient of a chain end waitlist offer I understand that if the chain is cancelled prior to surgery there is no guarantee I will be rematched.
- If the swap is cancelled for any reason, there is no priority given on the deceased donor waitlist.

Patient Initials or N/A

Remote Donation (Recipient and Donor)

- A donor may choose to donate remotely.
- This may be done as either part of an exchange or as a direct donor.
- Risks to this option include, but are not limited to, all negative consequences discussed with shipping a kidney, as well as no remedy for a failed remote donation should the kidney be lost, damaged, or the recipient become unsuitable for donation prior to transplantation.

Patient Initials or N/A

Key: Patient Name: _____ Initials: _____



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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): _____

KPD/NKR

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 National Kidney Registry or Non-Directed Donation. I understand that I can withdraw my consent for participation at any time for any reason without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Participant Name (print): _____

Transplant Staff Name (print): _____

Transplant Staff Signature: _____ Date _____ Time: _____