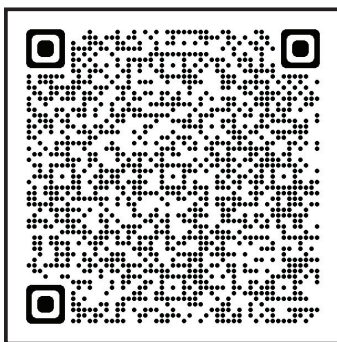


## Living Donor Champion Program

We encourage transplant patients and supporters to team up with transplant social workers to help you find a kidney donor. We hope to collaborate on the best way to share your story so that others will call for more information about living kidney donation. Transplant social workers will meet with you at your convenience in our clinic.

Please call with questions or concerns:

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# Living Kidney Donor Program



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## Have you considered living kidney donation?

A living donor kidney transplant is the best treatment option for those living with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

Rhode Island Hospital offers excellence in living kidney transplantation in a local and personal setting. Since opening in 1997, we have performed more than 1500 kidney transplants. Our team is composed of leaders in the field of transplantation. Our transplant physicians and surgeons are all fellowship trained specialists and have academic appointments at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

### Benefits of living kidney transplant:

- Shorter wait time
- Kidney function is better
- Can avoid or decrease time on dialysis
- Kidney lasts longer

### Types of living kidney donation:

- Relatives such as siblings, parents, cousins, aunts, uncles
- Unrelated donors such as spouses, friends, and acquaintances
- Non-directed or altruistic kidney donor - A person who donates a kidney to a stranger in need.

## Who qualifies as a living kidney donor?

### To qualify as a donor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be in excellent physical and psychological health
- Demonstrate a healthy motivation to donate a kidney
- Be free of diabetes, uncontrolled high blood pressure, obesity, cancer and/or chronic infection



Blood Type	Can receive a Kidney from blood type	Can donate a kidney to blood type
O	O	O, A, B, AB
A	A, O	A, AB
B	B, O	B, AB
AB	O, A, B, AB	AB

If a living kidney donor is not a match, it is still possible to donate in order to secure a kidney for a loved one through our incompatible pairs program.

Overall health and well-being of a living donor are of primary concern to the transplant team. There is a comprehensive evaluation involved. All donor testing is in our outpatient clinic and confidential. Donors can stop the process at any time. There is never a charge to the living donor for testing or donation.

## Testing

The following tests will need to be completed during the evaluation process:

### Initial Testing:

- Bloodwork
- Urine collection
- Chest X-ray
- EKG
- CT scan

### Review of past medical records, including all recommended cancer screenings.

Each potential donor will meet with the:

- Nurse coordinator
- Social worker
- Donor advocate
- Nephrologist
- Pharmacist
- Surgeon

### Our team will review and decide if the living donor is healthy enough to donate.

For more information, our transplant coordinators are available to talk about living kidney donation and answer questions.

Transplant Services: 401-444-5285

Living Donor Coordinator: 401-444-3091

Or go to: [brownhealth.org/donorguide](https://brownhealth.org/donorguide)

