

FOR PATIENTS

Kidney Donation Voucher Program

Achieving Better Matches
for Patients



NATIONAL KIDNEY REGISTRY®
FACILITATING LIVING DONOR TRANSPLANTS

Disclosures & Requirements:

- Only one voucher per donor may be redeemed.
 - While the Voucher Program significantly increases the likelihood of a successful transplant, it cannot guarantee that a voucher holder will receive a kidney.
 - The donor and recipient must complete the voucher consent forms before the voucher donor donates.
 - The voucher donor and intended recipient do not need to be at the same center, they just need to be at an NKR center that participates in the Voucher Program.
 - Recipients may receive multiple vouchers from different donors, for example as a backup in case a second transplant is needed in the future.
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The Voucher Program:

Eliminating Compatibility Issues

When you need a kidney transplant and have someone willing to donate a kidney on your behalf, the National Kidney Registry's (NKR) Voucher Program can make the process more flexible and increase your chances of finding a match.



Standard Voucher

The Standard Voucher Program allows an eligible donor to donate their kidney when it is convenient for them. Their donation generates a voucher for their intended recipient, which they can redeem for a transplant using a well-matched kidney from a different living donor.

You Should Consider the Voucher Program If:

- **Your Donor is Not a Match:** You have someone willing to donate on your behalf who has been approved as a donor but is not a medical match for you.

- **You Want to Find a Better Match:** You have an approved, medically compatible donor willing to donate on your behalf, but the match isn't ideal and you want to find a better match.
- **Your Donor is Ready, but You Aren't:** You have an approved donor who is ready to proceed with the donation, but you are not yet ready for a transplant.
- **Your Donor Will Be Your Caretaker:** Your donor will be taking care of you after your transplant surgery and wants to donate beforehand so they have time to recover.



How it Works

1. **Donor Registration:** Your potential donor registers with the NKR (either through your microsite or on the NKR website), chooses a transplant center, and undergoes a full medical evaluation.
2. **Approval and Matching:** If the donor is deemed eligible to donate, the medical team will assess whether they are a match for you. If they are anything less than a perfect match,

they can opt to enter the Standard Voucher Program to find better matches for both of you.

3. **The Donation:** When the donor is ready to donate, they are activated in the NKR system and the NKR searches for a matching recipient. Once a well-matched recipient is identified, the donor proceeds with the donation and the kidney is transported to the recipient's center and transplanted.
4. **The Voucher:** Once the donor's surgery is complete, you receive a voucher. When you are ready for a transplant, you notify your transplant team, the voucher is redeemed, and the NKR searches its pool of donors for a good match. When a match is found, the matching donor proceeds with their donation, and you receive a transplant with the donated kidney.



Why Use the Voucher Program?

The Voucher Program offers several advantages:

- **Donor Shield:** Donors who donate through the Voucher Program are covered by Donor Shield, which offers comprehensive protections and support, including lost wage reimbursement and donor expense reimbursement.
- **Flexibility:** Donors can have the donation surgery when it's convenient for them, and you can have a transplant when you are ready.
- **Peace of Mind:** Vouchers never expire, so once your donor completes their donation, you will have access to a living donor kidney whenever you need it—even years later.
- **Better Matches:** The NKR has the largest pool of living donors across more than 100 transplant centers in the United States, so there is an excellent chance you will receive a matching kidney.
- **Shorter Wait Time:** Most voucher recipients are matched and transplanted within 3–6 months.

For more information, please visit:



www.kidneyregistry.com/voucher-program

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