Living donor kidneys last twice as long.

Who can donate?

There are not enough deceased donor kidneys to fill the need.

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Of the 122,000 people on the national organ transplant waiting list, 83% need a kidney.

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Living kidney donation is the best possible option for those in need.

On average, deceased donor kidneys last 10 years.

On average, living donor kidneys last 20 years.

That's 10 more birthdays.

No waiting list; no dialysis

• Dialysis leads to decreased quality of life.
• Dialysis takes 3-4 hours per treatment, 3-4 times per week.
• Living kidney donation allows a recipient to avoid the waiting list and avoid the problems associated with dialysis.

Liver

Pancr eas

Intestine

Heart

Lung

Ethnic minority donors are desperately needed.

Certain blood types are more prevalent in ethnic minorities.

To donate a kidney, you must be:

• At least 18 years of age
• In good health

Sources: MayoClinic.org; Transplant.hrsa.gov, 2012

Not a match? You can still help.

If you’re not a match for your loved one, you can start a “transplant chain” with other mismatched donors.

What can you expect when donating.

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Thorough testing to make sure you are an acceptable candidate for kidney donation.

The procedure

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