



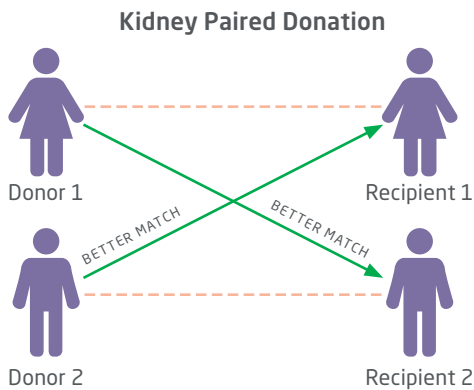
Kidney Paired Donation

Northwestern Medicine Kidney Transplant Program aims to promote living kidney donation as the best-possible option for people who need a transplant. Kidney paired donation helps more people make better organ matches.

About kidney paired donation

The Northwestern Medicine Kidney Transplant Program offers kidney paired donation through a system called KidneyMatch.

In a kidney paired donation, a living donor and a person who needs a kidney (the recipient) enter our program as a pair. If the program identifies a matching living donor, the recipient will get a kidney from that person. Their paired living donor's kidney will go to someone else.



What to expect

Our team works hard to coordinate surgeries for the donor and recipient pair so they happen around the same time.

This process is anonymous. However, if **both** the donor and recipient choose, they may be able to **connect** after the transplant.

You will have your evaluation, surgery and follow-up care at Northwestern Medicine or as discussed with the transplant team. You will not have to travel to other centers.

Benefits of kidney paired donation

- Better size match
- Better compatibility in blood type and tissue type
- Better age match
- More resources for donors

Kidney Paired Donation at Northwestern Medicine

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Largest number of donor/recipient pairs in a swap

20...
and growing



The number of states donors and recipients have traveled from

100+

Number of recipients transplanted at Northwestern Medicine through exchanges with hospitals that work with KidneyMatch

Kidney Paired Donation (continued)

Donor protections

Through KidneyMatch, the Donor Protection Program will pay back donors for expenses such as:

- Lost wages
- Travel
- Lodging
- Food

The National Living Donor Assistance Program can also pay back donors for:

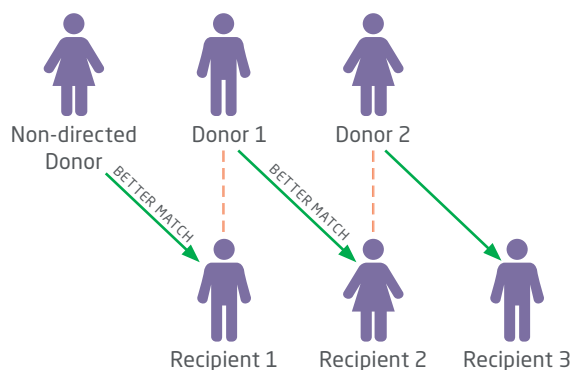
- Lost wages
- Travel
- Dependent care

Non-directed donors

If you would like to donate a kidney and do not have a recipient to pair with, you can become a non-directed donor. A non-directed donor can start a chain of transplants.

KidneyMatch also has a non-directed donor KidneyPledge. That program could help if a member of your immediate family needs a kidney transplant in the future.

Non-directed Donor Chain



Learn more

Scan the QR code, go to nm.org/transplant, or call 312.695.0828.

Location and contact information

Northwestern Medicine

Organ Transplant Center

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“Participating in a kidney paired donation at Northwestern Medicine was perhaps the best thing I’ve done in my life.”

- Doug Penrod, RN
Northwestern Medicine Transplant
Nurse Coordinator and Kidney Donor

