Connect with a living donor who can support you on this journey
What is Donor Connect?

Donor Connect is a program offered by the National Kidney Registry that gives all donor candidates who register through an NKR website, many NKR transplant center websites, or patient microsite the option to speak with a donor mentor. A donor mentor is a living kidney donor who can answer questions, offer insights, and provide education based on their own kidney donation experience.

Donor mentors can help you with information about:

- Your motivation for and feelings about becoming a living donor
- Support, assistance, and resources available to living donors
- The testing you’ll undergo to be approved as a donor
- Donor surgery and tips for a fast recovery
- Life after donation and whether you’ll need to make any lifestyle changes

Donor mentors do not offer medical advice. Donor candidates should seek healthcare guidance from their medical provider.

Testimonials

“While each donor’s donation journey is a personal and unique experience, having someone who has had the experience of donation guide you through the process is invaluable.”

Anonymous Living Donor Coordinator

“EJ answered so many of my questions about donation and I feel so much better about my decision to donate. Thank you!!”

Donor Michele M.

“Speaking to a donor mentor was extremely helpful! Patty gave me helpful information about what to expect and how to follow up with my local transplant center. Patty’s encouragement has been really helpful, motivating, and inspiring to me.”

Donor Matthew H.

Considering Kidney Donation?
Here’s the process you’ll go through:

- Register as a Donor
- Medical History
- Testing & Workup
- Get Cleared
- Donation Surgery
- Recovery
“I wasn’t sure about donating, but Mike has given me confidence that I CAN.”

Donor Ginger L.

“EJ has been so encouraging and supportive along my journey. I have his medal hanging on my wall to remind me that I can do anything I set my heart to with one kidney and that we are making a difference!”

Donor Michelle M.

“The hospital explains things to potential donors in a technical manner, but Mike is a real person who donated and explains the process in a way that makes you understand and feel comfortable. Mike’s information was invaluable.”

Anonymous Donor

Learn more about Donor Connect and all donor assistance offered through the NKR.