



The region's only program offering unique protections for kidney donors.

MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is the only National Kidney Registry (NKR) Donor Shield Program in the area (and one of only 13 in the U.S.), which means living kidney donors who choose the Institute have access to several important protections, including:

- **Lost wage reimbursement** for up to six weeks.



- **Travel and lodging reimbursement** up to \$3,000. Driving expenses are reimbursed at the IRS mileage rate and lodging covers hotels near MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute.



- **Life insurance** with a \$500,000 principal sum, covering a period of one year post-surgery



- **Disability insurance** for \$1,000 per week maximum for up to 52 weeks post-surgery



- **Legal support** in the event that a donor's employment or health insurance is negatively affected by living donation



- **Coverage for uncovered donor complication costs**, which ensures donors are never asked to pay for a post-surgical complication that is a result of their kidney donation



The program's advantages are available to donors whether they donate directly to their recipient or through an NKR paired kidney exchange (PKE).

Patients benefit from other programs at the Institute

As a member center with NKR, we are able to offer patients access to several additional NKR programs that expand living donor kidney transplant options, including:

- **Paired Kidney Exchange:** There are a variety of reasons patients may consider taking part in a paired kidney exchange. There is the possibility of finding a better age- or HLA-matched donor, as well as the desire to make multiple transplants for multiple patients who do not currently have a compatible donor possible through a single donation. Better matched pairs also affect outcomes and can lead to improved long-term results for the recipient, including a decreased risk of organ rejection and lower patient mortality over time.



- **Advanced Donation Program (ADP):** Through the ADP, the donor and recipient operations can be separated in time. This flexibility in timing allows the donor to choose a convenient time frame for surgery, with their donated kidney going to a recipient in immediate need. The intended recipient will be prioritized for transplantation using another donated kidney when he or she needs transplant surgery.



- **Family Voucher Program:**

Individuals interested in donating but concerned that following donation their loved ones may then be in need of a kidney transplant may participate in the Family Voucher Program. Donors may identify up to five immediate family members in advance to receive a voucher upon donation surgery allowing for one voucher holder to receive a live donor kidney in the future should a need arise.



To learn more about living kidney donation, call **202-444-3714**.

It's how we treat people.