

I May Have Identified a Potential Donor

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What to expect

Your kidney care team is available to support you through the pre-transplant process and can help you reach out to potential donors, but they are not involved in the donor testing and assessment process. Vancouver General Hospital and St. Paul's Hospital register potential donors and support them along the process. Donor information is confidential. Therefore, even if you know your donor, no information will be shared with you about which donors have registered or where they are at in the process. You will only be notified once a donor has been approved and is ready to move forward. If you have questions, you will be directed to ask your potential donor directly.



Things to think about and discuss

Your potential donor may have many questions about living kidney donation that you may not be able to answer. To help with this, there are many resources available that you can provide to them. It is also important that they contact the donor team at Vancouver General Hospital or St. Paul's Hospital to express their interest to begin the testing and assessment process.

Living kidney donor testimonials:

- [Tanya and Todd](#)
- [Eileen](#)
- [Charles and Wayne](#)

Other useful resources:

- [What is living kidney donation and can I be a kidney donor?](#)
- [Top 6 questions about living donor kidney transplant](#)
- [Living organ donation: Let's learn more](#)
- [Living Organ Donor Expense Reimbursement Program \(LODERP\)](#)
- [Living donor mentor program](#)
- [Living Kidney Donor Program: A step by step process](#)
- [The Living Donor Kidney Transplant Process: A step by step guide for living kidney donors](#)

When will I be contacted by my transplant care team?

- To inform you when you have an approved donor

Decisions I need to make now:

- Am I comfortable with receiving a kidney from a living donor?
- Is a living donor kidney transplant the best treatment option for me?

Questions to ask my kidney care team:

- I have a potential donor that is going through testing, do I still need to consider dialysis?
- What if my donor is not done their testing by the time my kidney function drops low enough for me to need a transplant?
- When will the transplant happen?
- What if my donors are not a match for me? Are there other options?
- Can more than one person be tested at a time to be my donor?



Where am I in the transplant process?

- I have identified at least one potential living donor.
- At least one potential living donor has registered with Vancouver General Hospital or St. Paul's Hospital.

Notes:
