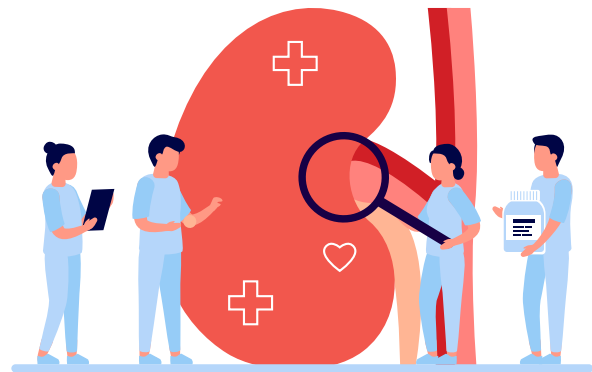


Kidney Transplant from a Living Donor

A kidney transplant from a living donor is the preferred treatment for many people suffering from kidney disease. There are several advantages to a living donor kidney transplant over a deceased donor kidney transplant:

- Improved success rates
- Shorter waiting times
- Surgical date is known in advance (helps with planning)
- May avoid the need for dialysis (pre-emptive transplant)



What can I expect to happen in each step?

1. I am learning about living donor kidney transplant.
2. I would like to start the testing for kidney transplant.
3. I am in the process of looking for a living donor.
4. I may have identified a potential donor.
5. I have been referred to Vancouver General Hospital or St. Paul's Hospital for assessment.
6. I am done with testing and the transplant team has said I am approved for kidney transplant.