

Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)
Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Program
Potential Recipient Matching Consent Form

Recipient: _____

Intended Donor: _____

Part I: To be completed by the transplant coordinator and/or other medical professional:

1. Logistics of KPD

The following has been explained to the potential recipient:

- The donor may travel to the recipient's center or the donor kidney may be shipped there
- Donor surgeries begin at the same time in two-way or three-way exchanges
- Recipient surgeries begin after donor surgeries
- In donor chains, surgeries might not occur simultaneously. A candidate may receive a kidney before or the same day his or her intended donor donates. A recipient/donor pair will always have the option to have surgery on the same day. Occasionally there may be unforeseen circumstances which could cause the surgeries to be rescheduled.
- A recipient/donor pair can choose to only be matched in two-way or three-way exchanges

Date _____ Practitioner _____

Date _____ Patient _____

2. Anonymity Between Pairs

The following has been explained to the potential recipient:

- KPD pairs are kept anonymous prior to transplant
- Contact or meeting between paired donors and recipients will occur only after donation and transplantation have taken place and in accordance with policies from both donor and recipient hospitals, if applicable
- Correspondence received by MDMC will only be forwarded if written consent has been obtained
 - If written consent is not obtained, distribution of correspondence will not occur.
- Any correspondence received will be retained in the patient's file for potential use if the recipient/donor consents for correspondence in the future
- Physical meetings between the paired living donor(s) and the recipient(s) will not occur until at least 48 hours post donation/transplantation
- When donor families and recipients want to meet each other, MDMC may act as an intermediary in the family process facilitating the actual meeting if the family requests
- The initial physical meeting will occur at MDMC or participating center(s), unless a different location is agreed upon by all parties
- Meetings will be attended by the Transplant Social Worker, Independent Living Donor Advocate and Transplant Coordinator. Other transplant team attendees may include the Transplant Surgeon and Transplant Nephrologist.

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3. General Information for KPD Recipients

The following has been explained to the potential recipient:

- All living donors, including KPD donors, are evaluated and cleared for donation according to standard medical criteria
- KPD donors will be paired with compatible recipients using a computer program that maximizes the number of matched pairs while providing additional consideration for specific populations, such as children and highly sensitized recipients
- Matching criteria includes but is not limited to: blood type, acceptable antibody cross-match.
- Transplant centers will determine if the donor kidney in an exchange is appropriate for the recipient
- KPD donor and candidate do not choose their match
- KPD donor or a candidate may decline a match

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Date _____ Patient _____

4. Possible Untoward Events

The following has been explained to the potential recipient:

Unexpected events may occur that prevent the paired donor's kidney from being transplanted or cause a failed exchange. A failed exchange is when a donor donates but their paired candidate does not receive a transplant. Unexpected events that might prevent donation or recipient transplantation include but are not limited to:

- A candidate might not receive a transplant because of an unexpected issue with the matched donor's kidney found during or after surgery
- An event may occur in the operating room that makes it necessary to stop a donor procedure. In this case, one recipient would not receive a kidney. If a donor or recipient surgery has begun, this surgery will continue even if another surgery in the match must stop.
- If it is necessary to stop a recipient surgery, a kidney would be available. This kidney would be given to a recipient on the deceased donor waiting list according to OPTN policies

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5. Remedy for Failed Exchanges

The following has been communicated to the potential recipient:

- A KPD candidate who does not receive a kidney transplant the matched donor *for any reason* after a candidate's paired donor has donated is considered an orphan candidate.
- A candidate will be eligible for orphan candidate priority only if the candidate qualified for orphan status through participation in the OPTN KPD program
- An orphan candidate will received 1,000,000 priority points, even if the candidate has another willing living donor. The orphan candidate will retain this priority until the orphan candidate receives a kidney transplant. The orphan candidate can always refuse a match offer and retain orphan candidate priority.
- This priority will ensure the orphan candidate receives a match offer if the candidate matches to either a non-directed donor or bridge donor in the system, but does not guarantee that the candidate will match any other donor
- There is no additional priority on the deceased donor waiting list for any candidate involved in a failed exchange in any KPD program

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6. Commitment of Pairs to Exchange

The following has been explained to the potential recipient:

- *Donors and potential recipients are not required to sign a formal contract promising that they will follow through with participation in a planned KPD*
- Donors and potential recipients are ***strongly encouraged*** to ask questions and to discuss all aspects of the exchange with the transplant team and other health care providers, in order to make a solid, informed decision whether or not to participate
- The donor receives no medical benefit from the operative procedure of donation, and donors may not receive valuable consideration (including, without limitation, monetary or material gain) for agreeing to be a donor
- Recipient/donor pairs should ***discuss KPD with their caregivers and family***

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7. For Shipped Living Donor Organs

(Complete if the potential recipient may be willing to accept a shipped kidney from another transplant center.)

The following information has been communicated to the potential recipient:

- If the living donor's organ will not be transplanted at the recovery center, there is a small but increased risk for organ loss associated with transport
- Shipment of kidney has the risk of courier delay, flight cancellation or flight delay which may extend the cold ischemic time of the kidney. Too much cold ischemic time can impact the quality of the organ for transplant and delay function of the kidney
- There are risks outside of the transplant center's control such as but not limited to plane crash, terrorist activity and natural disaster
- There is risk of damage to the kidney during transport which would be discovered at the time of inspection of the kidney at the transplanting center
- There is separate consent (included at the end of this document) if the potential recipient may be willing to accept a kidney recovered at a center other than the potential recipient's transplant center then shipped to the potential recipient's transplant center

Date _____ Practitioner _____

Date _____ Patient _____

Transplant Center Representative:

I have reviewed the OPTN KPD Program with this patient.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part II: To be signed by the Potential Recipient

The items on this form have been explained to me, and I have had all of my questions answered. I hereby consent to participate in the OPTN Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) Program and understand that I can withdraw my consent for participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Registered Transplant Center: _____

Recipient or Parent/Guardian:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For the shipment of a living donor kidney:

The items on this form have been explained to me, and I have had all of my questions answered. I understand that there may be additional risk associated with the shipment of a kidney. I am willing to accept a kidney that has been recovered at another transplant center then shipped to my transplant center. I hereby consent to be matched with a potential living donor whose kidney will be shipped from another transplant center and understand that I can withdraw my consent for participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.

Recipient or Parent/Guardian:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form documents that the potential recipient has provided informed consent to be a potential recipient in the OPTN KPD Program. Informed consent to be a potential recipient is required to be eligible to be matched in the OPTN KPD Program.