Welcome

The physicians and staff of the UW Health Living Kidney Donation Program are pleased to provide customized, personalized care to fit the needs of each living kidney donor.

Our Living Kidney Donation Team
- Living Donor Advocate who represents the donor’s wishes and needs
- Kidney transplant surgeons who serve as members of the faculty of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Surgery
- Kidney transplant physicians and nephrologists who serve as members of the faculty of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Medicine
- Registered nurse transplant coordinators who specialize in the care of transplant patients. Most are certified clinical transplant coordinators
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Clinic nurses
- Social workers
- Dietitians
- Pharmacists
- Inpatient nurses who provide care to patients during their hospital stay
- Financial counselors

Living Kidney Donation Services
- Education about the living donation process
- Online donor screening tool
- Donor evaluations and testing
- Education on our six donation options
- Active participation in the national kidney exchange program
- Financial consultation and tax benefits education
- Education to assist those seeking a living donor
- Champion program
- Living donor nephrectomy
- Rapid recovery program
- Mentor program

See the inside for photographs and brief biographies of surgeons and physicians.
Surgeons

David Al-Adra, MD, PhD
Dr. Al-Adra earned his medical degree from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He completed his residency at the University of Alberta Hospital/Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, Edmonton, AB, Canada and his fellowship at Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada. Dr. Al-Adra is board certified in surgery.

Anthony D’Alessandro, MD
Dr. D’Alessandro is the surgical director of pediatric kidney, pediatric liver, and multi-organ transplant, and is a medical director of UW Organ and Tissue Donation. He earned his medical degree from Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, PA, and completed his residency and fellowship at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. Dr. D’Alessandro is board certified in surgery.

Luis Fernandez, MD
Dr. Fernandez is the surgical director of the adult liver transplant program and co-director of islet cell transplant. He earned his medical degree from Universidad Central de Venezuela, Jose Maria Vargas School of Medicine, Caracas, Venezuela, and completed his residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL. He completed his fellowship at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. Dr. Fernandez is board certified in surgery.

David Foley, MD
Dr. Foley is the surgical director of the William S. Middendorf Veterans Administration Liver transplant program and the UW Health Transplant Clinic. He earned his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA, and completed his residency at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, MA. He completed his fellowship at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. Dr. Foley is board certified in surgery.

Joshua Mezrich, MD
Dr. Mezrich is the surgical director of the living kidney donor program. He earned his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College, New York, NY, and completed his residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago, IL. He completed his fellowship at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. Dr. Mezrich is board certified in surgery.

Robert Redfield, MD
Dr. Redfield earned his medical degree from University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, and completed his residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. He completed his fellowship at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. Dr. Redfield is board certified in surgery.

Fahad Aziz, MD
Dr. Aziz earned his medical degree from King Edward Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, and completed his residency at Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, NJ. He completed his nephrology fellowship at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics, Columbia, MO, and his transplant medicine fellowship at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. Dr. Aziz is a certified hypertension specialist, and is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology.

Arjang Djamali, MD
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Mid-level Providers

Jennifer Turk, NP
Jennifer Turk is a certified nurse practitioner who provides care for kidney transplant recipients as well as other organ recipients who have chronic kidney disease. She earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Clarke College, Dubuque, IA.

Brenda Muth, NP
Brenda Muth is a certified nurse practitioner who provides care for kidney transplant recipients, as well as other organ recipients who have chronic kidney disease. She earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, and her master’s degree in nursing from Concordia University, Mequon, WI.

Brenda Muth, NP
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