

Living Kidney Donation: The Pre-Evaluation

If you are interested in learning about being a living kidney donor, it is extremely important to obtain the facts about this process from our transplant program. You can do this in one of the following ways:

- You may call the UW Kidney Transplant Program at (608) 263-1384
- You may accompany your intended recipient during their kidney transplant evaluation appointment, where you can share your interest in learning more about living donation
- You may get the nurse coordinator's name and phone number from your intended recipient and call them after the recipient has been to their evaluation appointment. You should initiate this contact or phone call yourself. This will ensure that you are in a comfortable place, both physically and emotionally, to begin to learn about being a kidney donor

Once you express interest in donation, one of the nurse coordinators will ask you questions about your general health. Remember that your answers to these questions, as well as all of your health information, are protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA.) HIPAA laws protect your privacy and ensure you have control over your health information. We will not share your information with anyone who is not a member of your UW Health care team, including your intended recipient.

If a RECIPIENT is blood type:	The DONOR must be blood type:
O	O
A	A or O
B	B or O
AB	A, B, AB or O

The other compatibility testing involves measuring donor specific antibody levels using the recipient's blood. This allows the transplant team to see if the intended recipient has any antibodies that may react with you. This is called the Donor Specific Antibody Level, or DSA. The DSA needs to be at an acceptable level for us to proceed with the transplant.

Your nurse coordinator will let you know the results of the blood tests. It typically takes about one to two weeks for these results to be completed. Once everyone who is interested in being tested as a donor for your intended recipient has received their test results, the most suitable donor can be identified. The most suitable donor can then schedule a full medical evaluation. This full medical evaluation is completed with one potential donor at a time. If, for some reason, the first person to undergo the full medical evaluation is not able to be the donor, another suitable person can then be evaluated.