



Trailblazing Toward Transplant

What Is A Transplant Patient Peer Program?

A Transplant Patient Peer Program kidney transplant recipients with dialysis patients to support their journey towards transplantation. A transplant patient is known as a Transplant Trailblazer. A dialysis patient is called a Dialysis Peer. These two are paired one-on-one, either at the same or sister dialysis facility, home program, transplant center or healthcare system. The Transplant Patient Peer Program is goal-focused, may include family and caregiver interaction, and multiple ways for Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to connect.

Who Would Be a Great Transplant Trailblazer or Dialysis Peer?

Suggested Criteria for a Transplant Trailblazer

- A kidney transplant recipient
- A person proud of their transplant journey and eager to share their story to inspire Dialysis Peers to choose transplant as their preferred treatment
- Someone familiar with or received a high kidney donor profile index (KDPI) kidney, or increased-risk kidney
- Someone well-adapted to the challenges faced by Dialysis Peers
- An effective communicator with empathy skills
- A desire to support Dialysis Peers in their transplant journey
- Availability and flexibility to meet with Dialysis Peer by telephone, through a virtual application, or in-person if program participants are located near each other
- Someone who can be a trusted confidant for their Dialysis Peer

Suggested Criteria for a Dialysis Peer

- A person receiving dialysis either at a dialysis facility or at home
- Someone interested in learning about how to get on a transplant waitlist, or a person already on the transplant waitlist and is interested in meeting their goal of remaining active on the list and receiving a transplant
- An individual interested in learning about the option of being on multiple waitlists or understanding how offers may be available sooner by consenting to a high-KDPI kidney, or increased-risk kidney
- Someone engaged in a dialysis plan of care and participates in patient activities at their facility, such as education and/or lobby days

Ways For Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to Connect



Telephone and Text Messages



Email



Messenger Apps
(WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger)



Google Hangouts, Google Duo



FaceTime



In-Person

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