

Living Kidney Donor Step by Step Evaluation Process

Step 1: Getting Information

Information about being a Living Donor can be obtained in several ways:
By Mail, E-mail, by attending the Pre-Transplant Education Class with the recipient or by simply calling our office.

Step 2: Complete a Health History Form

Step 3: Find out your Blood Type

If you do not know your blood type, we will give you a lab order form to have this done locally.

Step 4: Blood and Urine Tests

These labs will be done locally and the results will be sent to MUSC. They will tell us if your kidney function is normal.

Step 5: Find out your Blood Pressure

We will make arrangements for you to have your Blood Pressure monitored over a period of 24 Hours.

Step 6: Evaluation at the Medical University of SC

- Labs to check for diseases like HIV and Hepatitis
- A Nephrologist and Surgeon will examine you
- Psychosocial evaluation
- Nuclear Medicine Renal Scan to check kidney function
- Chest X-Ray and EKG,
- Ultrasound and CT Scan of your kidneys

Step 7: Crossmatch

We will take a small sample of your blood and mix it with the person's blood that may get your kidney. If there is a reaction, you will not be a good match. This step may be done earlier if the recipient has had a previous transplant.

Step 8: Schedule Surgery

Choose a time that is best for you and your family for the donation to take place.

******Please be sure that your health maintenance exams (Pap smear, Mammogram, and Colonoscopy) are up to date prior to surgery. ******

- If you are a female over the age of 18, you should have had a pap smear in the last year.
- If you are a female over the age of 40, you should have had a mammogram in the last year.
- If you are over the age of 50, you should have had a colonoscopy in the last 5 years.

Contact Us:

Address: MUSC-Transplant Center, 162 Ashley Avenue, MSC 586, Charleston, SC 29425

Phone Number : 1-800-277-8687 Option 4, Option 3 or 843-792-1594

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