



Word Search Puzzle: Kidney Transplant

Did you know that kidney transplantation is a treatment option for people with kidney failure? This option requires a surgical procedure to implant a healthy kidney from a donor. A donor can be a living family member, friend or stranger; it can also be someone who has passed away, but had decided they wanted to be a donor while they were still alive. A kidney transplant is not for everyone, but if you are considering a transplant, it is important for you to be evaluated by staff at a transplant center to see if you qualify. Take this word search puzzle challenge and learn more about transplant as a treatment option.

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Word Bank:

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| KIDNEY | WAITLIST | RECIPIENT |
| TRANSPLANT | MULTI-LISTED | KDPI SCORE |
| IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS | BLOOD TYPE | EPTS SCORE |
| KIDNEY SWAP | DONOR SERVICE AREA | REFERRAL GUIDE |
| TRANSPLANT CENTER | NON-LIVING DONOR | KIDNEY ALLOCATION SYSTEM |
| LIVING DONOR | MATCH | UNOS |
| REFERRAL | TISSUE TYPE | FREEDOM |
| APPOINTMENTS | ELIGIBILITY | HEPATITIS C |



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Glossary of Definitions:

NON-LIVING DONOR : When a patient is added to the transplant waitlist, he or she is waiting for a person to pass away in order to receive their working kidney(s). Kidneys are used from donors only if the donor has decided that they want to become an organ donor when they were alive or if their families/next of kin authorized the donation.

MATCH: When a kidney that matches your health needs becomes available (from a living or deceased donor), it is considered to be a match for you.

TISSUE TYPE: This refers to a marker in your cells that is used to verify the compatibility between the organ donor and the recipient to see if the kidney is a match. This term is also referred to as the matching between a recipient and the donated kidney.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility for a kidney transplant means that a person has met all of the requirements that a transplant center believes are important to assure that kidney transplantation is a safe option for the recipient. Eligibility criteria include medical, financial, social, surgical, and psychological factors, among others. Each transplant center has a unique set of eligibility criteria; if you are not eligible at one transplant center, you may want to consider being evaluated by a different transplant center.

RECIPIENT: The person receiving the kidney transplant is referred as the recipient. The person receiving a kidney could be a person in the late stages of chronic kidney disease, or someone who is currently having dialysis treatment for end stage renal disease.

KDPI SCORE: The Kidney Donor Profile Index (KDPI) is a score that takes into account several factors that predict how long a deceased donor kidney is likely to function when compared to other kidneys. Although lower values of KDPI are associated with an increased quality and expected longevity of a kidney, accepting a higher KDPI offer might still be a good option for some patients, as it would likely reduce the waiting time. In general, older recipients on the list at centers with long waiting times benefit from accepting these types of kidneys.

EPTS SCORE: The Estimated Post-Transplant Survival (EPTS) score is assigned to each person on the transplant waitlist. The score allows to prioritize kidneys who are expected to last longer with individuals who are expected to live many years. This score is used along with the KDPI to help match recipients to donated kidneys in the kidney allocation system.

REFERRAL GUIDE: The ESRD Network - New England Area Renal Transplant Center Referral Guide is a resource available to you that summarizes the absolute exclusion criteria of all fifteen transplant centers located in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT. This resource allows you to make an informed decision about the transplant center(s) that would be best for you. This Referral Guide will help you decide which additional transplant centers you want to be referred, with the goal of being multi-listed. Ask your facility social worker or nurse for a copy of this guide.

KIDNEY ALLOCATION SYSTEM: This is a set of rules that the people who manage the national transplant waitlist follow to place a donated kidney with the goal of assuring that the waiting period is equitable and fair to every person listed.

UNOS: The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is the organization that manages the transplant waitlist. When your transplant center informs you that you have been added to the transplant waitlist or are "waitlisted," it means that your information has been provided to UNOS, and you are officially waiting to be called when an organ becomes available for you. The waiting list is national, so your kidney offer could come from anywhere in the United States.

FREEDOM: A successful kidney transplant can free you from dialysis treatments and/or chronic kidney disease. It is also possible that with this treatment modality you feel physically better and with more energy to do the things you enjoy. The transplanted kidney is cleaning your blood 24 hours a day, instead of the average 12 hours a week that other dialysis modalities can offer!

HEPATITIS C: This is a virus that can damage a person's liver if left uncured over many years. The virus is passed from person to person via body fluids, mostly commonly blood. Currently there are several medications available that cure hepatitis C and prevent it from causing permanent damage to a person's liver. A person waiting for a kidney can agree to receive a kidney from a donor who had hepatitis C, and then be cured for this condition (meaning that the virus did not have time to cause liver problems). Many patients who are willing to accept a kidney from a donor with hepatitis C experience a shorter time on the waitlist and often receive very good quality kidneys. Discuss with your transplant center if they offer this program.

New England Area Kidney Transplant Centers

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800 Howard Ave New Haven, CT 06520-8062 • Phone: (203) 785-2565 • Fax: (203) 785-7162
www.ynhh.org/transplantation-center/default.aspx

MAINE MEDICAL CENTER

19 West Street, Portland, ME 04102 • Phone: (207) 662-7180 • Fax: (207) 662-7190
www.mmc.org/maine-transplant-program

BAYSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01107 • Phone: (413) 794-0000 • Fax: (413) 794-2603
<https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/surgery/specialties/transplant>

BETH ISRAEL DEACONNESS MEDICAL CENTER

Division of Transplantation, 110 Francis Street, 7th Floor, Lowery Building, Boston, MA 02215 • Phone: (617) 667-7000 • Fax: (617) 632-9804
<https://www.bidmc.org/centers-and-departments/transplant-institute>

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER

725 Albany St 7th floor Suite 7A, Boston MA 02118 • Phone: (617) 638-8430 • Fax: (617) 638-8427
<https://www.bmc.org/transplant-surgery>

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Renal Transplant Division- PBB-215, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115 • Phone: (617) 732-5500 • Fax: (617) 732-7832
<https://www.brighamandwomens.org/surgery/transplant-surgery>

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF BOSTON

Transplant Center- Farley Four, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 0211 • Phone: (617) 355-6000 • Fax: (617) 730-0342
www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/programs/farley-four/kidney-transplant-program/overview

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41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805 • Phone: (781) 744-2500 • Fax: (781) 744-5009
<https://www.lahey.org/>

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Transplant Center, 165 Cambridge St Suite 300 Boston, MA 02114 • Phone: (617) 726-2000 • Fax: (617) 724-8652
www.massgeneral.org/transplant/services/treatmentprograms.aspx?id=1179

TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER

Transplant Center- 800 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111 • Phone: (617) 636-5592 • Fax: (617) 636-8228
<https://www.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/patient-care-services/Departments-and-Services/Transplant-Surgery/Overview>

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Transplant Unit- RM S3840, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655 • Phone: (508) 334-2023 • Fax: (774) 441-8098
<https://www.umassmemorialhealthcare.org/umass-memorial-medical-center/services-treatments/surgery/services-we-provide/organ-transplant-surgery/types-of-transplants>

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<https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/transplantation.html>

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