

Living Organ Donation

Fact Sheet

- Of the more than 88,000 people currently waiting for organs nationwide, nearly 60,000 are waiting for kidneys.
- Since 1988, a total of 179,288 kidney transplants have been performed in the United States. Living kidney donations accounted for more than 58,000 transplants.
- Of the 58,000 living donor transplants, about 22,000 involved full siblings and 12,000 were parents donating to their children.
- In 2001, the number of kidney transplants involving a live donor surpassed that of transplants from cadaveric donors.
- Transplants involving donors who knew the recipient, but were not related, have occurred nationally about 5,000 times since 1993.
- Only 166 transplants involving an anonymous kidney donor have been reported in the United States since 1993.
- Despite an increased interest in anonymous living organ donations, the route to transplant is exceptionally rigorous. Only about one in 10 people who inquire about donating will make it through the screening process.
- The Nebraska Medical Center has performed 1,736 kidney transplants since 1970. Of those, more than 400 involved a living donor.
- In 2003, there have been 90 kidney transplants here, of which 41 were from a living donor.

