

*A paired kidney donation is a new option* for kidney recipient and donor pairs who are not compatible with each other. Previously, people with kidney failure who had an incompatible donor(s) needed to wait for a deceased donor. This wait can be lengthy. However, with this new option, kidneys can be “exchanged” between two pairs, making two compatible living donor transplants possible. While it is not possible to find a compatible donor-recipient pair for everyone interested in a paired donation, enrollment in this program could make an excellent opportunity available.

## How Does a Paired Kidney Donation Work?

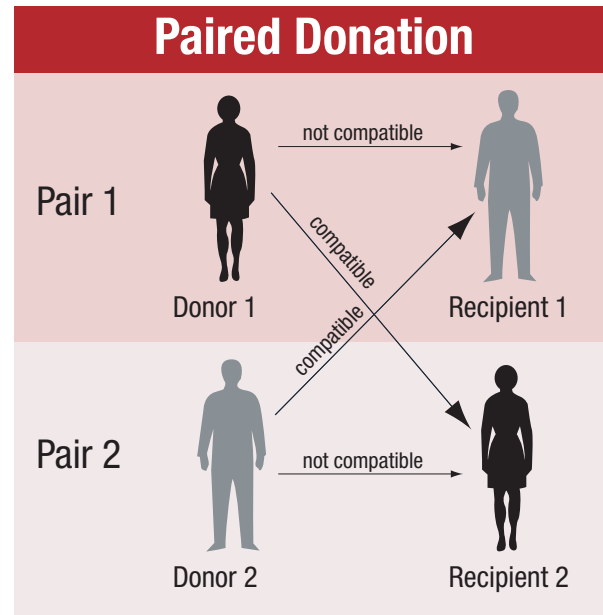
A paired donation consists of two donor/recipient pairs whose blood types are not compatible with each other. In Pair 1, Donor 1 is not compatible with Recipient 1. In Pair 2, Donor 2 is not compatible with Recipient 2.

However, Donor 1 is compatible with Recipient 2 and Donor 2 is compatible with Recipient 1. If you, your donor and the other pair are willing to participate in this “paired donation,” a comprehensive evaluation process begins.

The Kidney Team will complete final medical tests and schedule the transplant on a date that works with everyone. Both transplants will occur on the same day.

## What Do I Need to Do?

If the Kidney Team determines that your donor(s) is not compatible with you, you and your donor will have the opportunity to explore a paired kidney donation. We



recommend that you inform our Transplant Team if you are interested in this option early in your evaluation process.

## Can Donors and Recipients Meet?

We assume that the donor and recipient pairs want to keep their privacy. If both pairs in the exchange want to meet each other, the Kidney Team can arrange it.

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