

My donor and I are compatible! So why would we take part in Kidney Exchange?



Compatibility has traditionally been defined by just 2 criteria:

#1 Blood Type

#2 Crossmatch

Even if you meet the 2 criteria above, there are reasons for compatible pairs to take part in kidney exchange:

- * To find a better age match
- * To find a match with no or less antibodies
- * To find a better genetic match
- * "Pay It Forward" & help others

More About Antibodies...

Why do some patients have antibodies?



Blood Transfusions

Pregnancy



Previous Transplant(s)

Why can antibodies be bad for the kidney?

Antibodies tell your immune system to **ATTACK** your transplant kidney

This leads to a **HIGHER RISK** of having a **REJECTION** episode(s)

Rejection episode(s) **SHORTEN** THE **LIFESPAN** of your kidney transplant



4 to 13 times higher risk, depending on the amount of antibody

Ask Us If Kidney Exchange Might Be Right for You!

Speak with your Transplant Coordinator or Physician today!

We are here to help you find the best kidney for you, one that will last as long as possible!

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