



## What Is a Kidney Transplant Center?

To find out if you can have a kidney transplant, you will need to be seen by the transplant team at a transplant center. A transplant center is a department in a hospital with staff that is experienced in kidney transplants.

Transplant centers must meet strict professional standards. Your kidney doctor or dialysis care team may recommend one for you. Most patients choose the center closest to their homes.

### To find a transplant center near you, visit:



Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients

[www.srtr.org/transplant-centers](http://www.srtr.org/transplant-centers)



Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)

[optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/member-directory](http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/members/member-directory)

If you have private insurance, you may be asked to use certain transplant centers. Your dialysis care team can help you with this.

### Multiple Transplant Waiting Lists

You are allowed to be listed on more than one transplant waiting list. This may increase your chances of getting a transplant sooner. However, you cannot be on two hospital lists in the same region. Getting listed in multiple hospitals in the same area will not increase your chance of getting a transplant sooner. That is because kidneys are issued locally and regionally.

It is important to look into your choice of transplant centers by asking yourself these questions:

- There will be many appointments before and after transplant. Will I be able to get there for all of them?
- Will I be able to easily get to the transplant center? An offer of a kidney may come any time of the day or night. Would I have any issues getting there quickly for an offer?
- Right after surgery, I will need someone to help me. This person is often called a caregiver. A caregiver is usually a family member or loved one. If the center is not near my home, will my family or caregivers be able to stay close by?
- Does the transplant center take my insurance?

**To learn about the kidney transplant centers in your community, talk to your dialysis center social worker.**



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