# LIVING LIVER DONOR FACT SHEET

Liver Recipient's Name\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Donor Champion Program (212) 305-0912**Donor Champion's Name\_\_\_\_\_\_ Donor Champion's Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_

# **NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital**

has performed over

# **400 Living Donor Liver Transplants**.

As pioneers in the field, our team continues to advance techniques to improve outcomes and safety.

94% of Living Donors have no lasting complications.

94% of Living Donors said they would donate again

#### National Average

- Donor Death:1 in 700 or 0.14%
- Donor Liver Failure:1 in 700 or 0.14%

#### **New York Presbyterian**

- Donor Death: 0
- Donor Liver Failure: 0

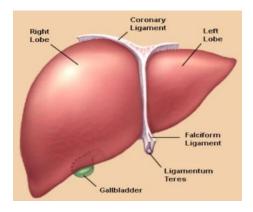


### **MYTH**

- Living donors will have to take medications for the rest of their lives
- Living donors will have debilitating pain for an extended period of time
- Living donors will be on bed rest for several months following surgery and can no longer exercise or play sports
- Living donors cannot consume alcohol for the rest of their lives after donation
- Female donors can no longer get pregnant or have children after donation
- A living donor's sex life will be negatively affected by donation
- My employer will not approve that much time off from work

## **FACT**

- Living donors do not need medication related to donation after a few weeks
- Like any surgery, some pain is expected during recovery and can be controlled with medication
- Living donors will be walking before discharge and can expect to resume exercise and sports after 4-6 weeks
- Living donors can consume alcohol in moderation 6 months after donation
- Most female donors experience no issues with pregnancy or childbirth following donation
- Living donors can expect to resume sexual activity after 4
- A majority of living donors report that their employers were very supportive



## **Risks to Living Liver Donation**

Nausea

Bleeding

Infection

Bile duct leak

Fatigue

Blood clots

Hernia

Death (0.14%)

**1 in 5 donors** report some negative impact from donation: most commonly reported were a dislike of the scar, continuing abdominal discomfort, and difficulty getting back in shape.







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# Get Tested to Be a Living Liver Donor Today!

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Or scan the QR code below



## **Living Donor Requirements**

- Willing adult between the ages of 18-59; 21-55 for altruistic donors
- Compatible blood type to the recipient
- BMI less than or equal to 35
- Altruistic motive to donate
- Physically and mentally healthy (no active hepatitis, liver disease, HIV, diabetes, cancer, severe psychological disorders, substance abuse)

#### Donor Process:



- Living donor hospitalization is about 4-7 days
- The liver portion in both the living donor and recipient will grow to nearly full size in about 12 weeks
- Living donors can expect to take approximately 4-8 weeks off from work
- Common donor complaints are fatigue and incisional pain
- Living donors are able to donate their right or left liver lobes

# **Financial Resources Available to Living Donors**

Approximately 80% of donors felt that donating **DID NOT** cause financial hardship.

### NATIONAL LIVING DONOR ASSISTANCE FUND (NLDAC)

Donors who qualify can receive up to \$6,000 for the cost of transportation, lodging, food, and travel for themselves and a care partner. NLDAC will determine need based on the RECIPIENT patient's finances.

#### **TAX DEDUCTIONS**

- Federal Tax includes medical expenses for the care you receive pertaining to the donation process. This includes transportation.
- New York State Tax Law a one-time personal tax credit for up to \$10,000 for the reimbursed expenses incurred by a resident tax payer related to his or her donation for the purpose of transplantation. (Travel expenses, lodging expenses, and lost wages)





