

# SRTR Kidney Transplant Decision Aid

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Introduction	Dialysis vs. Transplant	Living vs. Deceased Donor	Kidney Quality (KDPI) vs. Infectious Risk Kidneys	Deceased Donor Kidney Quality	Increased Infectious Risk Kidneys	Questions for Your Doctor	Calculate Your Risks
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### Introduction

Welcome to the kidney transplant decision aid. This tool was created with input from patients with kidney disease and the doctors who care for them. It is intended to be used during your visit with your doctor as you learn about kidney transplant. Our goal is to provide informative materials to help you understand your treatment options and outcomes. Your doctor will guide you through the tool and explain the information to help you make informed decisions.



This tool contains information to compare the pros and cons of

1. dialysis vs. transplant treatments
2. living donor vs. deceased donor transplants
3. higher quality vs. lower quality deceased donor kidneys
4. increased infectious risk kidneys

We also created a calculator to estimate a patient's likely outcomes on the kidney transplant waiting list based on the transplant regions / programs and the individual's medical condition. Your medical provider will guide you through the calculator. We hope you will find the tool and the likely outcomes helpful in explaining treatment options with your friends and family.

While this aid is designed to help you better understand kidney transplant, many patients with advanced kidney disease are also trying to understand different dialysis options. For more information about dialysis options, see the Arbor Research Collaborative for Health's [Choosing Dialysis website](#).

*Thank you to all the patients and providers who contributed to help us promote communication and informed decision making in kidney transplant!*

