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Choosing to Donate
Making the decision to donate can be challenging and should be discussed with your family and loved ones. Your local transplant center can give you information about the benefits and risks in order to make an informed decision. If you have any additional questions about LDC, you can always contact us.
The need for organ transplants continues to grow. More Americans are dying every year on waiting lists. Although the number of deceased donor transplants has grown, the growth has not kept pace with the number of patients needing transplants. Living donor transplants typically work better than deceased donor transplants, but the need for a better understanding of who can safely donate and their long-term outcomes remains a major barrier to living donation.

The Living Donor Collective (LDC) studies the selection of living donor candidates and the assessment of living donors. Programs register everyone being evaluated to assess the donor–recipient match and the long-term outcomes. Donors can be compared with other transplant programs to improve outcomes.

The LDC, with the support of the US Department of Health and Human Services, conducted a small pilot study. The LDC is under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The LDC assesses living donor evaluations, manages the LDC Registry (STRR), and conducts follow-up evaluations to assess the donor experience, including aspects of their physical and psychosocial well-being.

The LDC will conduct follow-up evaluations of donors and recipients over time. The LDC will also conduct brief surveys after donation or after donors decide not to donate. A small number of participants will be contacted for more detailed information. What we learn from journals and research will be made available to patients and families on the LDC website. The identities of individual participants will not be disclosed.

Living donors are unique, and the LDC will help educate people and programs involved in all phases of the living donation process—from initial evaluation to follow-up care.