



CONSENT TO ACCEPT A KIDNEY WITH KDPI GREATER THAN 85

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Patient Name: _____
MRN: _____ DOB: _____
Treatment Location: _____

The quality of deceased donor kidneys is variable, with some lasting longer than others after transplantation. You may be interested in receiving a kidney that is expected to be less durable in order to reduce your wait time to transplantation. The national transplant waiting list increases by several thousand each year and many will die waiting for a kidney transplant. The waiting time for a deceased donor kidney is over four years in many areas of the country.

There are many factors that contribute to the performance of a transplanted kidney. Each deceased donor kidney receives a Kidney Donor Profile Index score between 0-100. KDPI predicts how long a kidney will work after transplantation. The lower the score, the longer the kidney is expected to last while a higher score means the kidney is expected not to last as long. The score depends upon many donor factors, including: height, weight, history of high blood pressure, diabetes, hepatitis B or C, cause of death, race, and donor creatinine, which is a measure of how well the kidney works. Current data indicate that the biggest change in outcomes occurs when the KDPI exceeds 85%.

It is important that you read and understand the following which apply to all who agree to accept a KDPI >85 kidney.

1. United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) manages transplantation within the United States and has developed policies regarding the use of KDPI >85 donor kidneys. Our policy is consistent with UNOS policies
2. Consenting to accept a KDPI >85 kidney is voluntary and does not replace the existing transplant waiting list. It simply offers a way for some patients to receive a transplant more quickly.
3. Patients consenting to accept a KDPI >85 kidney remain on the regular transplant waiting list as well.
4. You may change your mind about accepting a KDPI >85 kidney at any time without incurring any penalties or loss of waiting time.
5. You may refuse to accept any kidney offered to you without penalty.

You are informed about KDPI >85 kidney transplants because you have kidney failure, you do not have a potential living kidney donor, and given your age and overall condition, you might receive significant benefit from a KDPI >85 kidney.

What is involved?

- Kidneys from KDPI >85 donors are offered only to patients who have agreed in advance to accept them.
- There is no additional testing beyond routine medical evaluation for transplant readiness.
- You may require additional post-transplant biopsies to assess your kidney function.
- Long term kidney function may be less than that from a KDPI <85 kidney.
- You will only be offered a KDPI >85 kidney if your doctor believes it is likely to be successful
- There are no additional costs associated with accepting a KDPI >85 kidney.
- The main benefit is to shorten the time you wait for a kidney transplant. Recent analysis of transplant data showed that the longer you wait on dialysis for transplant, the poorer the transplant outcome.

I, the undersigned, have been informed about the purpose, procedures, possible benefits, and risks of consenting to accept a KDPI >85 kidney for transplant and I have received a copy of this document. I was given the opportunity to ask questions and I understand I can ask questions in the future. I voluntarily agree to accept a KDPI >85 kidney. I am free to change my mind at any time without need to justify my decision. Changing my mind will not in any way affect my future treatment or medical management.

_____	AM PM	_____
Signature of Patient or Authorized Representative	Date Time	Witness Signature

As a representative of the Maine Transplant Program, I have explained the purpose, procedures, benefits, and risks of this program. Any questions raised were answered to the individual's satisfaction

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Signature of Physician or Designee	Printed Name	Date 24H Time