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Dr. Rees addresses the ESOT Congress in Copenhagen in September.

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We would love to feature your transplant center in our "Center Stage" Spotlight on Instagram, Facebook, and in our newsletter. Simply email a photo and a few words about your center to: kateinthestudio@gmail.com or message @kidneypaireddonation on Instagram.

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APKD NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

On October 29 an important paper came out in **The Lancet** from esteemed philosopher Peter Singer. The manuscript is strongly supportive of our work in Global Kidney Exchange. Excerpt from the article: "Worldwide, deaths from kidney failure number in the millions. In High-Income Countries (HICs), like the US and Australia, a shortage of available organs is the main

reason why people are unable to obtain the matching kidney transplant they need in time. In Low and Medium-Income Countries (LMICs), people die because they cannot afford kidney failure treatments. And this is where the Global Kidney Exchange (GKE) program comes in. It aims to expand the donor pool by facilitating the exchange of kidneys between donor-recipient pairs in High-Income and Low and Medium-Income Countries, enabling more patients in HICs to find a match and more people in Low-Income countries to get a transplant they could otherwise not afford."

Read in full at www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIISO140-6736(19)32474-2

100,000

Number of people in the U.S. waiting for a kidney.

6849

The number of living donors in 2018. This is the highest number since 2005, when there were 14,497.

We are Thankful for you!

We are so thankful for your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence in serving kidney patients. Because of our transplant center partners across the country we are able to better accomplish our core mission of connecting kidney patients in need with a life-saving transplant. THANK YOU! We would like to shine the spotlight on your team. Read sidebar above to learn more!

Dr. Rees spoke at the Asian Society of Transplantation in October. While overseas, he helped eight transplantation centers in three countries begin their own kidney exchange programs using APKD software. Dr. Rees' continual efforts multiply the number of pairs in the exhange, which results in a higher percentage of possible matches for kidney patients both at home and abroad.





In need of coordinator help? The APKD now offers assistance with uploading your compatible and incompatible pairs into the APKD database.

Please contact Susan Rees at susan.rees@paireddonation.org for more information.

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