



Informed Consent

Family Kidney Pledge Description

The Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation (APKD) Family KidneyPledge provides protection to a non-directed living kidney donor who donates a kidney through the APKD. This Family KidneyPledge protects you should a member of your immediate family need a kidney transplant in the future. We define eligible “immediate family member” as a spouse, child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, or sibling who do not have kidney disease prior to your donation.

Using your Family KidneyPledge

This Family KidneyPledge, activated upon your nondirected kidney donation, entitles your immediate family member priority above other candidates in the APKD system*, should they develop kidney failure. Becoming active in the APKD matching system means that your immediate family member has been approved for a kidney transplant by an APKD-participating transplant program and activated in the APKD network.

Transferability

The APKD Family KidneyPledge is for the benefit of you and your immediate family members, cannot be transferred, and expires upon your death. Once the first pledge is redeemed, all other pledges related to your donation become void and cannot be redeemed. By signing this form, I acknowledge that any designated individual seeking a transplant within three years of the date of my donation will be required to provide medical records to the APKD demonstrating that kidney disease was not present prior to my kidney donation. Preexisting kidney disease invalidates this Family KidneyPledge.

Risks

- APKD may be unable to find a suitable donor for your designated immediate family member. This is most likely to occur if your designated immediate family member is hard to match because he or she has made many antibodies against other humans. This is most likely to occur through prior transplant, a blood transfusion, or pregnancy.
- *The APKD seeks the best transplants for the most people. This means that during the first three months after activation, your designated immediate family member will not be chosen for transplantation if an alternative choice allows three or more additional transplants. After three months, however, APKD KidneyPledge candidates will receive the highest priority, regardless of how many people could otherwise be transplanted. In the event that two or more KidneyPledge recipients have been waiting for three months or more, APKD will prioritize the KidneyPledge recipient who has been waiting the longest.
- Your designated immediate family member’s transplant center may determine that he or she is not a suitable candidate for a kidney transplant because of health reasons.
- APKD’s inability to find an acceptable compatible donor.
- The APKD may unexpectedly cease operations.
- Other unforeseen circumstances such as an act of nature may occur.

I accept the APKD Family KidneyPledge, and I understand and agree to the above conditions:

_____ SSN: _____ DOB: _____
 Donor Signature

_____ Date
 Donor Name (printed)

_____ Date
 Witness Signature

_____ Date
 Witness Name (printed)

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_____	_____
Offer #	Date

APKD Approval Signature	

APKD Approver Name (printed), Title	

**All signatures must be signed by hand.
 Digital signatures will not be accepted.*