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Worksheet

Who to talk with about a kidney transplant:

- Family/Friends
- Patient Support Group
- Nephrologist and Health Care Team
- Transplant Center

Transplant Staff:

Transplant Surgeon
Transplant Nephrologist
Clinical Transplant Coordinator
Transplant Pharmacist
Transplant Social Worker
Transplant Dietician
Financial Counselor

Some questions to ask your Nephrologist (Kidney Doctor):

- What is the cause, name, and description of my kidney problem?
- Do I have any other important illnesses? How do these illnesses relate to my kidney disease?
- What types of treatments may I choose from? How will I be a part of deciding this?
- What do the transplant evaluation and testing processes include? How do they affect whether or not I am placed on the list?
- What are the benefits and risks of a kidney transplant?
- Do I have a choice between a living-donor transplant and a deceased donor transplant?
- What are the health risks to a living donor who might donate a kidney to me?
- How do my dialysis center and my transplant hospital relate to each other?
- Why is tissue typing important?

Some questions to ask Transplant Center Staff:

- What is the hospital's experience with kidney or kidney/pancreas transplants?
- What are the organ and patient survival rates at this hospital?
- Who will tell my family and me the details of the transplant process?
- How much does a transplant cost at this hospital? What expenses will be paid by my insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid coverage? What will I have to pay? What if my insurance coverage runs out?
- What types of living-donor transplants does the hospital do? Where will the donor evaluation be done?
- What if my donor is not compatible? Do you do Donor Chain transplants?
- How long is the local kidney or kidney/pancreas transplant waiting list?

Some questions to ask your Transplant Surgeon:

- How long will I have to stay in the hospital?
- What medicines do I need to take, and how much do they cost?
- How often do I need follow-up exams, and what tests will I need?
- Will my regular doctor help with my follow-up care?
- How soon can I return to work after my transplant?

For more information, or to file a grievance please contact the IPRO ESRD Network of New York at:

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