

## Georges Needs a Kidney Part VII

It was August when we published Part VI in this series, six months ago. A lot has happened in the time since, but sadly not for Georges and his kidney.

Since then Marthe, Georges' wife has also gone through the process of becoming a match for Georges, so now he has two willing donors both with type A blood for a man who needs a type O donor. The irony is that if someone with type A blood needs a kidney and has a donor who has type O, that person could very possibly use the donor's kidney him or herself. Type O is a universal donor. While the percentage of the population with either A or O is about the same, the fact that O recipients are limited to O donors and A recipients have twice the pool to draw from, makes finding a match for Georges more difficult than we had imagined.

Only Georges can really know the toll the waiting is having on his health and his spirit, but he has created a poster asking everyone he meets if they are type O and if they would be willing to test to see if they could be his donor.

This is a real indication of his need.

So what can all of us do? We can spread the word. More than a third of the US population is type O. In that pool there have to be at least a small percentage who would be willing to donate a kidney to save a life, and we really only need to find one who is healthy enough



### **URGENT: NEED A KIDNEY DONOR**

On dialysis for 6 years at Hartford hospital



### **Looking for O+ or O- Donor**

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and with the right antigens to make this happen. We'll never know until we try. Please spread the word, share this article or copy the poster ([click](#) to download a copy). We really need to try. Georges hasn't given up his work while he's waiting. He has a showing of new paintings being displayed at the Legislative Office Building, Main Concourse from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. This is just one of the 40 there. Stop by to see them if you can.