

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 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 1st - 14th. This is just one of the 40 there. Stop by to see them if you can.



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On dialysis for 6 years at Hartford hospital



Looking for O+ or O- Donor

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