

CONSIDERING

Living Liver Donation?



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DONATION**

“My donation experience was deeply fulfilling and strengthened my belief in the power of compassion and selfless service. I continue to advocate for organ donation and strive to live a life that honors the hope and second chances we can give to others.”

— Blair Casey, living liver donor

Why Do People Need Liver Transplants?

A liver transplant is used to treat liver failure. When the liver stops functioning properly, a transplant may be needed to sustain life.

Liver failure can be caused by a variety of conditions, including hepatitis B or C, fatty liver disease, genetic or metabolic disorders, autoimmune diseases, certain medications or toxins, chronic alcohol-related liver disease, or liver cancer.



Why Donate Through the National Liver Registry?

The National Liver Registry (NLR) offers comprehensive support and protections to make liver donation easier, safer and more convenient for living donors, including:



Lost wage reimbursement for donation-related time off work



Donor expense reimbursement for donation-related travel, lodging, meals, dependent care, and pet care



Donor mentors for one-on-one guidance and support from someone who has donated



Legal support to fight donation-related termination and discrimination



Complication protection to cover any complication-related costs

Becoming a Living Liver Donor

Donating a portion of your liver to someone who needs a liver transplant can help them lead a longer, healthier life.

In a living liver donation, a portion of the donor's liver is surgically removed and transplanted into the recipient. The liver has a unique ability to regenerate, and within several weeks, both the donor's and the recipient's liver portions grow back to nearly full size.

Living liver donation is very low risk, and the vast majority of living liver donors experience no complications or long-term negative effects.

If you are interested in living donation, you must undergo comprehensive testing to ensure you are healthy and eligible to donate.

Donate to Someone You Know:

If you want to donate your liver to someone specific, you will need to undergo testing to ensure you are medically compatible with your intended recipient.

Or Donate to a Stranger:

If you want to donate but do not have specific recipient in mind, you can donate to someone on the waitlist for a deceased donor liver. The NLR will connect you with a transplant center to identify the best-matched recipient for your donation.

To see if you're qualified to donate, visit:

liverregistry.com/consider

