

There are over 2,000 Veterans awaiting a kidney transplant in the United States.

The average wait for a kidney from a deceased donor is 5 years long. *Veterans are dying while waiting for a kidney.*

- Living kidney donors enable Veterans to bypass this long wait.
- Living kidney donation is safe for those who are medically cleared.
- Living kidney donors live normal lives with one kidney and can save a Veteran's life with their other!

We know many will “Step Up” as donors if they can directly help a Veteran in need. Through DOVE – they now can!



Message from DOVE Founder

“I am dedicated to giving back to those who served our country. Finding and matching living kidney donors will save Veterans lives as well as help the overall transplant community by elevating awareness about organ donation, getting people off the long wait list, and contributing to transplant chains. Together, as communities, we can and will make a huge difference.”

(Sharyn Kreitzer, Living Kidney Donor and DOVE Founder)



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DOVE is a 501c3 organization founded by experienced and dedicated transplant professionals. DOVE seeks to improve access to living kidney transplantation for veterans by facilitating kidney donor campaigns and providing education, advocacy and support to all donors.

Donor Outreach for Veterans, Corp. (DOVE Transplant)

INCREASING ACCESS TO LIVING KIDNEY DONOR TRANSPLANTATION FOR VETERANS



Amanda Houlton, kidney donor, pictured with her recipient, Army Lt. Colonel (Ret.) David Hardaway

“I donated in honor of my brother, a Veteran, who loved his country. This experience changed my life for the better.” - Amanda

“Amanda saved my life. She is my angel and now will always be a part of my family.” - David



LIVING KIDNEY DONATION FOR VETERANS

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Through individual and community outreach campaigns, DOVE will Find, Educate and Match prospective donors to Veterans who are actively waiting for a kidney transplant on the national UNOS waiting list.

Many DOVE donors are anonymous. However, directed donors, such as friends and family members, are also entitled to the full support and resources provided by DOVE.

DOVE is not affiliated with any transplant program or paired exchange program. DOVE does encourage all donors to consider participation in kidney exchanges in order to expand the donor pool and find the best genetic match for the recipient. Transplant centers will determine if paired exchange is an option.

Who Can Be a Living Kidney Donor?

Research confirms that donating a kidney does not have an adverse effect on future health of the donor in any way.

All donors undergo extensive testing by a specialized, interdisciplinary Donor Transplant Team to ensure that donors can safely recover from elective surgery and live a normal life with their remaining kidney.

There are some conditions that can screen out a donor's candidacy immediately:

- Obesity (BMI >35)
- Under 18 or over 75 (some centers have no upper age cut off)
- Medical problems such as uncontrolled high blood pressure and diabetes, cancer, and heart disease
- Psychological problems such as unstable mental illness, active substance abuse

All testing and medical care is covered by the Veteran's transplant center. Costs related to travel, lost wages, childcare can be covered by DOVE or other available transplant funds such as The National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC).

To learn more about kidney donation: Info@dovetransplant.org or call 551-233-1611.

For Veteran Recipients

Many Veterans, who have already sacrificed so much and whose mindset is to serve others, are resistant to asking for help.

Transplant centers utilize "Donor Champion" programs that help guide family and friends on how to recruit potential donors on behalf of a recipient.

DOVE is taking this successful concept a step further by serving as a Veteran's champion. DOVE guides donors throughout the process and ensures they incur no out of pocket expenses.

This level of support keeps donors engaged and more likely to complete evaluation and undergo donation.

Pictured below, Lindsay Gutierrez, an altruistic kidney donor, who first learned about DOVE in a Military Times advertisement.



If you are a Veteran and would like to register with DOVE, you must:

- Have been evaluated and cleared "Status 1" at a US Transplant Center
- Confirm your service history (DD214)

Please contact: info@dovetransplant.org

"I am proud to be the first DOVE donor and hope to inspire others to follow."

Jon Taylor (Combat Vet/Medic), donated his kidney at St. David's Medical Center in Austin, Texas. This helped set up a chain of transplants that ultimately led to fellow Veteran, Chief Bennie, pictured at far right with his wife, receiving his kidney transplant at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

