

## Replay of: Living Donor Kidney Transplant

***First Seen Live Webcast: Thursday, April 21, 2005***  
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**Memphis, Tenn.-** Nearly 70,000 people are waiting for a kidney, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Many of those patients will have a long wait, on average from three to five years before they find a match. One reason for that wait is because there are not enough living donors. In efforts to highlight, educate, and empower potential donors to consider donorship, the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute, which is affiliated with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, webcasted a living donor kidney transplant live on the Web Thursday, April 21, at 3

p.m.

Kidney transplantation is now considered a proactive treatment option for patients who have been diagnosed with kidney disease.

"To give someone a kidney before they have to start dialysis is to give them their quality of life back. It's their best chance at extending life," said A. Osama Gaber, program director for the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute and professor of transplantation surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Choosing transplantation before a patient reaches the dialysis stage increases the need for living donorship.

Between January and November 2004, 24,817 kidney transplants were performed across the country. Less than half of those were from living donors. In fact, only 6,406 were from living donors compared to 18,411 that were from deceased donors.

"There is an enormous need for living donors," said Barry Marshall, administrator for the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute. "Each year more people sign up on the waiting list and there are never enough organs. The gap between people who need a kidney and deceased donors continues to widen and will continue to widen. The only way to help more patients is through living donors."

A. Osama Gaber, M.D., professor and program director for the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute, narrated the procedure and answered questions that viewers e-mail to the Operating Room. Nosratollah Nezakatgoo, M.D., professor and transplant surgeon with the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute, removed the kidney from the donor and Santiago Vera, M.D., professor and transplant surgeon who is also with the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute, transplanted the kidney into the recipient. All leading University of Tennessee Health Science Center faculty, the surgical team has a combined 71 years of transplant experience, with over 2,350 kidney transplants to their credit.

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