

WHAT IS A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT?

A kidney transplant is when you receive a kidney from another person, either a live donor (someone who is living) or from a cadaver, (someone who has passed away already). A transplant from a live donor is always better because it is planned, and the kidney is in MUCH better shape, therefore it works longer (up to 20 yrs) and the kidney recipient has a much longer life expectancy with that kidney. A transplant from a cadaver usually only lasts up to 7 years and therefore the kidney recipient may need another transplant or to go back on dialysis after that time frame.