

Interview of Live Kidney Donors: Interview Guide

1. Tell me a bit about your donation story. Who did you donate your kidney to? When did you donate?
2. What was life like before the transplant, (was the recipient was on dialysis?)
 - a. Did you have any caregiving responsibilities? If so, what was that like? What were your responsibilities, how much time did you spend on them?
 - b. [If the recipient was on dialysis] How long were they on dialysis? What type of dialysis did they do?
3. Why did you decide to donate a kidney? Or, what ultimately made you decide to donate a kidney? Can you talk about some reasons why you decided to become a kidney donor?
 - a. Which reason was most important to you? Why?
 - b. Which reason was least important to you? Why?
4. Did you have any expectations for what life would be like after your kidney donation, (i.e. after you and the recipient had both recovered from the operation)?
 - a. Did any of those expectations come true? Please explain.
 - b. Did any of those expectations not come true? Please explain.
5. Do you believe there are any benefits to donating a kidney?
 - a. In your case, what benefits (if any) did you receive/experience?
 - b. If so, did you expect these benefits before the donation
 - c. If not already mentioned, were there any benefits to you:
 - i. Relationship with the recipient
 - ii. Relationships with other family members or friends
 - iii. Social life
 - iv. Work or professional life
 - v. Religious life
 - vi. Sense of life purpose
 - vii. Investment in a cause
 - viii. Independence
 - ix. Free time
 - x. Household
 - xi. [if caregiver] caregiving responsibilities
 - xii. Physical health
 - xiii. Mental health
 - xiv. Overall Quality of life
6. If you could go back in time and make the decision again, would you decide to donate? Why or why not?
7. What would you want to tell people who are considering donating a kidney?
8. What would you want the public to know about what it's like to be a live kidney donor?