UI Health Kidney Transplant Program

The Kidney Transplant Program at UI Health is one of the largest and most experienced kidney transplantation programs in Chicago. Our teams of experts work closely with you through every stage of a patient's journey — from pre-transplant care to postsurgical monitoring. We are committed to providing patients and their families personalized treatment options for the best surgical outcomes.

Our kidney transplant surgeons provide care to adult patients, and we have expertise in a number of transplantation procedures, including living donor transplantations and transplants for obese patients and other high risk groups. We also are proud to offer paired kidney exchange — or "kidney swap" — for patients with donor blood-type incompatibilities.

As one of the top programs in Chicago we provide:

- Access to advanced care to our diverse community we are one of Chicago's leaders in providing kidney transplants to Hispanic and African American patients.
- Multilingual and culturally sensitive staff.
- Transplant access to obese/overweight patients.
- Personalized guidance through the work-up process with the potential to complete work-up in 3-5 days.
- Top outcomes despite a medically and surgically complex patient population.
- Transition patients back to their nephrologist in a timely manner post-transplant.

Quick Referral Guide

To refer a patient, you can do one of the following:



Refer by Phone

Register over the phone by calling 312.996.6771.



Refer by Fax

Fax the completed registration form to 312.413.3483.

For more information about the Kidney Transplant Program visit, kidneytransplant.us.



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Transplant Physicians



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