

Multiple Listing

We strongly encourage multi-listing as it can increase your odds of receiving a transplant by 88%¹. For many patients in northeast Alabama, north Georgia, and western North Carolina, the Kidney Transplant Center at Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga, Tennessee is often the closest center where they can multi-list.

Historically, our time from listing to transplant is lower than other transplant centers in the nation, which means you may receive your transplant more quickly at our center. Erlanger Health System is also a statewide leader in organ procurement.



The first step in getting listed with Tennessee through Erlanger's Kidney Transplant Center is asking your nephrologist, nurse manager, or social worker about a referral to our center. You can also refer yourself by calling our center at 423-778-8067.

¹Merion, R., Guidinger, M., Newmann, J., Ellison, M., Port, F., Wolfe, R. Prevalence and Outcomes of Multi Listing for Cadaveric Kidney and Liver Transplantation. *American Journal of Transplantation*, 2004; 4(1).

Start your referral process today
by calling **423-778-8067**.

Learn more by visiting erlanger.org.



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Kidney Transplant Center

Why Kidney Transplantation?

For chronic kidney disease patients, transplantation offers an opportunity to improve quality of life. Successful transplants result in more energy and stamina for the patient and provide freedom from dialysis. After recuperation, most recipients resume normal life activities, such as full-time school or work.

The Region's Kidney Transplant Center

For over 25 years, Erlanger Health System has served as the region's first and only Kidney Transplant Center, providing patients with comprehensive services including dialysis, transplants, and post-operative care.

And as Erlanger Health System is home to the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga, our academic teaching hospital stays on the cutting edge of medicine and technology.

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Living Kidney Donation

In addition to traditional deceased donor transplants, Erlanger Kidney Transplant Center performs living kidney donations. This type of transplant, generally performed between family members with similar genetic makeup for optimal organ function, involves a living person donating a functioning kidney to an individual in need.

In 2004, the region's first hand-assisted, laparoscopic living donor nephrectomy was performed at Erlanger Health System. Hand-assisting facilitates the operative speed and safety of laparoscopic nephrectomy without sacrificing the benefits of minimally invasive surgery.

The Transplant Team

Our multi-disciplinary team works closely with referring physicians throughout the regions to ensure well-coordinated diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients with kidney disease. The Erlanger Kidney Transplant Center team includes nephrologist, surgeons, nurses, clinical kidney transplant coordinators, social workers, clinical pharmacists, and dietitians.

The Transplant Process

Referral

First, you will need a referral to our center for evaluation. Your nephrologist, nurse manager, or social worker may refer you, or you can self-refer by calling our center at 423-778-8067.

Phase 1

Education/Orientation: Our transplant coordinator will meet with you to discuss the mechanics of transplantation, required testing, and the importance of matching/blood typing. Also discussed is the importance of locating a living donor (usually a family member) as an alternative to traditional deceased donor transplants. You will also learn about immunosuppressant drugs and their role in maintaining your kidney transplant.

Phase 2

As a candidate for transplantation, you will be listed on the national transplant registry through the Erlanger Kidney Transplant Center. Once a kidney becomes available for you — either through the traditional or living donor process — our team will perform the transplantation procedure and provide medical care to prevent organ rejection. We also prepare you for self-care at home.

Phase 3

Follow-up Care: In our outpatient clinic, our team will help you manage your new transplant. Through lab testing and medication adjustments, your physician is able to maintain your kidney function to help prevent kidney rejection. We encourage family involvement in your transplant process and discharge planning.