A Team Approach: Navigating the Journey to Kidney Transplant

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KIDNEY TRANSPLANT JOURNEY
STEP 1

Patient Suitability for Transplant
• Addressing perceived patient risks or apprehensions
• Strategies on successfully addressing barriers
STEP 2

Patient Interest in Transplant
LET’S TALK!
Ken and Barbara

- Overcoming patient fears in the community, misconceptions
- Education on multiple waitlists or living donation
STEP 3

Referral Call to Transplant Center
• Support navigating the process complexities
• Provide resources with process coordination, participation in pair exchange programs

LET’S TALK!
Maria and Ken
STEP 4

First Visit To Transplant Center
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Barbara and Maria

• Provide resources to help patients overcome financial burdens, social support issues, lifestyle barriers
STEP 5

Transplant Center Work-up
• Approaches to streamlining the transplant process
• Transitions of care between dialysis facilities and transplant centers
STEP 6

Successful Transplant Candidate
LET’S TALK!

Carrie and Dr. Grodstein

• Overcoming challenges to transplant waitlist
• Ethical concerns with organ procurement
STEP 7

Patient on Waiting List OR Evaluating Potential Living Donor
• Supporting patients with adjusting to post-transplant care
• Accepting potential post-transplant health issues such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases

LET’S TALK!
Ken and Dr. Grodstein
AVAILABLE RESOURCES
Facility “Education Stations”

- Colorful bulletin board
- Bright posters in waiting area
- Resource “booth” on the floor
- Mobile cart of tools
- Dedicated peer mentor counseling area
- Monthly feature of newsletter patient stories
- Multiple tables - information on different stages in process
- Video streamed on education “station”
OPEN FORUM: Questions/Comments?
Thank You!

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