

Living Kidney Voucher/Pledge Donation

- Hume-Lee participates in multiple paired kidney exchange programs where voucher/pledge donation is possible.
- A living kidney donor may donate in advance for a designated individual who is in imminent need of a transplant or will likely need a transplant in the future. The designee will have priority for a living donor kidney over others in the paired exchange program.
- A living kidney donor may donate to start a chain when they do not have a designated recipient (non-directed donor) and this will allow a loved one to receive a living donor kidney transplant in the future (if needed).
- For some, advanced donation may be beneficial if the recipient and donor are each other's caregiver. For example, a wife who donates her kidney, will need her husband's help when she is recovering from surgery. Her husband can redeem his voucher for a kidney transplant once she has recovered and is able to care for him.
- All voucher/pledge donors are eligible to receive donor protections, such as lost wage reimbursement, travel and lodging reimbursement, and life insurance.
- Another option for donors is remote donation. If the recipient lives in another state, this allows a living donor to complete the donor evaluation, testing and surgery at a facility close to their home. The kidney is then transported to the recipient, who has the transplant surgery at their local facility. With this option, only the kidney travels.
- As with all living donations, the medical expenses related to donation are covered by the recipient's insurance. This includes testing, surgery and follow-up appointments for two years after donation.
- For more information about VCU Health Hume-Lee Transplant Center:
vcuhealth.org/transplant
- Visit: www.vcuhealthlivingdonor.org or **Click the QR code** on the right to complete our Living Kidney Donor Questionnaire to see if you qualify. If you need additional information or have questions, please call: 804-828-2762.

