LIVING LIVER DONOR FACT SHEET

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

has performed over

400 Live Donor Liver Transplants.

As pioneers in the field, our team continues to advance techniques to improve outcomes and safety.

94% of Living Donors have no lasting complications.

94% of Living Donors said they would donate again

National Average

- Donor Death:1 in 700 or 0.14%
- Donor Liver Failure:1 in 700 or 0.14%

New York Presbyterian

- Donor Death: 0
- Donor Liver Failure : 0

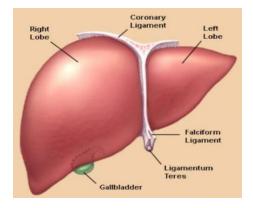


MYTH

- Living donors will have to take medications for the rest of their life
- Living donors will have debilitating pain for an extended period of time
- Living donors will be on bed rest for several months following surgery and can no longer exercise or play sports
- Living donors cannot consume alcohol for the rest of their lives after donation
- Female donors can no longer get pregnant or have children after donation
- A living donor's sex life will be negatively affected by donation
- My employer will not approve that much time off from work

FACT

- Living donors do not need medication related to donation after a few weeks
- Like any surgery, some pain is expected during recovery and can be controlled with medication.
- Living donors will be walking before discharge and can expect to resume exercise and sports after 4-6 weeks
- Living donors can consume alcohol in moderation 6 months after donation
- Most female donors experience no issues with pregnancy or childbirth following donation
- Living donors can expect to resume sexual activity after 4 weeks
- A majority of donors report that their employers were very supportive



Risks to Living Liver Donation

- Nausea
- Bleeding
- Infection
- Bile duct leak

- Fatigue
- Blood clots
- Hernia
- Death (0.14%)

1 in 5 donors report some negative impact from donation: most commonly reported were a dislike of the scar, continuing abdominal discomfort, and difficulty getting back in shape.







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Get Tested to Be a Living Liver Donor Today!

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Or scan the QR code below



Living Donor Requirements

- Willing adult between the ages of 18-59; 21-55 for altruistic donors
- Compatible blood type to the recipient
- BMI less than or equal to 35
- Altruistic motive to donate
- Physically and mentally healthy (no active hepatitis, liver disease, HIV, diabetes, cancer, severe psychological disorders, substance abuse)

Donor Process:



- Living donor hospitalization is about 3-7 days
- The liver portion in both the living donor and recipient will grow to nearly full size in about 12 weeks
- Living donors can expect to take approximately 4-10 weeks off from work
- Common donor complaints are fatigue and incisional pain
- Living donors are able to donate their right or left liver lobes

Financial Resources Available to Living Donors

Approximately 80% of donors felt that donating **DID NOT** cause financial hardship.

NATIONAL LIVING DONOR ASSISTANCE FUND (NLDAC)

Donors who qualify can receive up to \$6,000 for the cost of transportation, lodging, food, and travel for the care partner. NLDAC will determine need based on the RECIPIENT patient's finances.

TAX DEDUCTIONS

- Federal Tax includes medical expenses for the care you receive pertaining to the donation process. This includes transportation.
- New York State Tax Law a one-time personal tax credit for up to \$10,000 for the reimbursed expenses incurred by a resident tax payer related to his or her donation for the purpose of transplantation. (Travel expenses, lodging expenses, and lost wages)





