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MedStar Health

MEDSTAR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



Local option for dialysis patients wanting a kidney transplant

We are pleased to provide this new partnership between the Washington DC VA Medical Center and MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute. Access to transplant for local vets has been enhanced, with no out-of-state travel required. This new partnership allows you to use your VA benefits, with no out-of-pocket costs, and be transplanted locally at MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute.

For more information, visit [MedStarGeorgetown.org/Transplant](https://www.MedStarGeorgetown.org/Transplant).

New and improved local access for veterans on dialysis.

The photos in this brochure were selected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. All patients and providers are expected to follow the current MedStar Health guidelines for safety including proper masking and physical distancing.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I use Tri-Care?

Yes, you can use Tri-Care and come directly to MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute, but going through the DC VA allows you to use your VA benefits and have no out-of-pocket costs, and access to DC VA support services.

Are the physicians the same?

Yes, the DC VA Medical Center provides your primary care physicians and nephrologists. MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute provides the transplant surgeon and transplant nephrologist, who work closely with your DC VA care team to provide care before, during and after kidney transplant.

What if I have a living donor?

No problem! We offer enhanced protections to living donors, such as travel and lost wage reimbursement.

What about my current wait time, do I lose it?

No, you will not lose any of your accumulated wait time if you are previously listed at a different hospital.

Where does the surgery occur?

The transplant surgery is at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and your immediate post-care can be at any MedStar Georgetown Transplant location throughout D.C., Maryland, or Virginia.

We are here to answer your questions.

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VA Fisher House

"A HOME AWAY FROM HOME"

Fisher House provides high quality temporary lodging, at no charge, to families of Veterans who qualify and are undergoing inpatient or extensive outpatient treatment at the Washington, D.C., Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Fisher House is considered to be a "home away from home" and offers a warm, compassionate environment and a sense of comfort while a loved one is undergoing medical treatment.

Guests must be medically stable to care for themselves and/or family members independently, and must live 50 miles or more from the VA Medical Center. Referrals required.

About MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute

MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute: Performance and experience matter.

Providing expert care for end-stage kidney disease and complications of diabetes.

- 100 living donor transplants in 2021. For the last four years in a row, we've performed more living donor kidney transplants than any other area hospital.
- One of the largest paired kidney exchange (PKE) program in the National Kidney Registry (NKR), matching live donor kidneys with the ideal recipient
- Ranked tenth in the country for volume of kidney/pancreas transplants
- Only D.C.-area hospital that partners with the NKR for special donor protections



Slated to open in 2023, the Medical/Surgical Pavilion will accelerate the region's healthcare capabilities, providing 31 state-of-the-art operating rooms and a modernized emergency department with 32 private rooms.