

## *Kidney Health Information*

### *Consequences of Kidney Failure – Kidney Transplantation*

#### *Can I have a kidney transplant?*

Kidney transplantation can be an alternative to dialysis and in many cases will be the treatment of choice. Subject to your agreement, you will be assessed for transplantation and, if suitable, your name will be added to the transplant waiting list. However, it may be months or even years before a suitable kidney (compatible with your blood group and tissue type) becomes available, unless a matching one were to be offered by a member of your family.

It is a fact that the number of kidneys required greatly exceeds the number available, so dialysis is often the only initial mode of therapy possible.

#### *Are there any risks in having a kidney transplant?*

As with all surgical procedures, there are some risks – but kidney transplants have become routine procedure and enjoy a high success

rate. Patients who undergo successful kidney transplants are able to return to a more independent lifestyle.

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