

Living Donation Kidney Transplantation Specialty Symposium

by EKITA



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08:30 - 10:00 CET

Session 1: Living donation in Europe

Room: **Beats-Sound-Voice**

Chair: Frank J.M.F. Dor, United Kingdom

Emin Baris Akin, Türkiye

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Welcome & introduction

Lorna Marson, United Kingdom

08:35 - 08:50

Variation in practice of living donor kidney transplantation across Europe

Gabriel Oniscu, Sweden

08:50 - 09:05

Barriers to expansion of Living Donation

Fernanda Ortiz, Finland

09:05 - 09:20

Ways to increase Living Donation; Recipient or donor awareness or both?

Jen Lumsdaine, United Kingdom

09:20 - 09:35

Central Europe - ahead or behind the curve in Living Donation?

Ondrej Viklicky, Czech Republic

09:35 - 09:50

What about the Balkans?

Elvana Rista, Albania

09:50 - 10:00

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Session 2: Analysis of European practices in absolute and relative contraindications to donation

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Chair: *David Cucchiari, Spain*

Ilaria Gandolfini, Italy

10:30 - 10:45

Common medical challenges in living donors

Rachel Hellemans, Belgium

10:45 - 11:00

When genetic analysis is necessary for living donors: Focus on black donor candidates and APOL1, familial donors of recipients with a genetic disease etc

Leonor Fayos de Arizon, Spain

11:00 - 11:15	Management of incidental findings during pre-transplant donor work-up Andreas Kousios, Cyprus
11:15 - 11:30	Results from Survey, common medical challenges in marginal living donors Christophe Mariat, France
11:30 - 11:45	Common medical challenges in "marginal" living donors: case presentation Luuk Hilbrands, The Netherlands
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Session 3: Donor Safety and Outcomes

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Chair: *Fernanda Ortiz, Finland*

Margriet F.C. de Jong, The Netherlands

13:00 - 13:15

Free will and donor risk

William Plant, Ireland

13:15 - 13:30

How to inform potential living donors about risks and obtain shared-decision making

Geir Mjoen, Norway

13:30 - 13:45

Long term cardiovascular risk

Luciano Potena, Italy

13:45 - 14:00

Pregnancy after living donation

Laura Skinner, United Kingdom

14:00 - 14:15

Psychological considerations for living donors before and after donation

David Paredes-Zapata, Spain

14:15 - 14:30

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**Session 4: How can we reduce inequity
of access to Living Donor Kidney
Transplantation?**

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Chair: *Lorna Marson, United Kingdom*

Andreas Kousios, Cyprus

14:45 - 15:00 **Race, ethnicity and sex differences in access to living donation**
Lorna Marson, United Kingdom

15:00 - 15:15 **Expanding kidney paired exchange in Europe: EURO-KEP**
Beatriz Domínguez-Gil, Spain

15:15 - 15:30 **Altruistic donation in Europe - Lessons from the BOUnD study**
Hannah Maple, United Kingdom

15:30 - 15:45 **Debate: Should living donors be paid? (pro)**
Eline Bunnik, The Netherlands

15:45 - 16:00 **Debate: Should living donors be paid? (con)**
William Plant, Ireland

16:00 - 16:15 **Final discussion**

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**Session 5: Surgical influence to
increase living donor kidney
transplantation**

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Chair: *Lucrezia Furian,*
Dilan Dabare, United Kingdom

16:45 - 17:05 **Minimally invasive approaches and benefits for different demands of donors**
Frank J.M.F. Dor, United Kingdom

17:05 - 17:25 **Switch to Retroperitoneal Access for donor nephrectomy: Pros and Cons**
Emin Baris Akin, Türkiye

17:25 - 17:45 **ERAS: Enhanced Recovery after Surgery**
Rachel Thomas, United Kingdom

17:45 - 18:05 **Role of robotic kidney transplant surgery**
Jose Oberholzer, Switzerland

18:05 - 18:15 **Discussion**

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Session 6: Transplanting incompatible pairs

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Chair: Lorna Marson, United Kingdom

Sanem Cimen, Türkiye

08:30 - 08:50

National differences for living donor kidney transplantation opportunities for the high sensitised and ABO incompatible couples
Ilkka Helanterä, Finland

08:50 - 09:10

Optimising Kidney Sharing Schemes nationally
Lisa Burnapp, United Kingdom

09:10 - 09:30

Deceased-donor initiated chains to overcome incompatibility in living donor transplantation
Lucrezia Furian

09:30 - 09:45

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**Session 7: Better outcome in Living
Donor Kidney Transplantation**

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Chair: Annelies E. de Weerd,

Rachel Thomas, United Kingdom

10:15 - 10:30

New biomarkers of graft injury: Are we ready for a new way to risk-stratify patients?

Gianluigi Zaza, Italy

10:30 - 10:45

Genetic diseases and post-transplant recurrence

Manuel Podestà, Italy

10:45 - 11:00

Improving living kidney donor selection and follow-up: New methods for reserve study function of the kidney and novel biomarkers

Aiko De Vries, The Netherlands

11:00 - 11:15

Banff score molecular signatures and classifiers to predicted histological archetypes of kidney biopsies

Carmen Lefaucheur, France

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Session 8: Strategies to improve utilisation of living donation

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Chair:

Jelena Stojanovic, United Kingdom

David Paredes-Zapata, Spain

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Patient perspective

Colin White, Ireland

12:00 - 12:15

The role of EKHA in Living Donor Kidney Transplantation

Amanda Harvey-Dehayé

12:15 - 12:30

Interactive digital solutions for living kidney donors to improve informed decision making

Jenni Kippola, Finland

12:30 - 12:45

Home outreach programmes to increase awareness of living donation

Orla Hobson

12:45 - 13:00

Standardising information to potential donors: Is it a feasible way to promote donation?

Arzu Velioğlu, Turkey

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Paediatric transplantation: how to improve equity in Europe?

Jelena Stojanovic, United Kingdom

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