

## Deceased Donor Initiated Kidney Chains



### ORGANIZATION:

**Cambridge85 LLC** - A performance improvement organization dedicated to innovating organ donation and transplantation.



### TEAM:

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### IMPACT GOAL:

Increase Kidney Transplants by 37%.



### PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The goal of this project is to demonstrate the impact that deceased donor-initiated chains can have on the number of individuals transplanted, and the financial impact this can have on Medicare.

With over 97,000 patients currently waiting for a kidney transplant in the United States, the traditional method that results in 17,583 kidneys transplanted a year is not going to yield the results our country needs.

Through this grant we hope to demonstrate that this alternative allocation method, if adopted nationally, could increase the number of kidneys transplanted by 37% or 6,506 additional lives saved each year.



### STRATEGY:

Up to four OPOs may opt into this program. Once opting into the program, the OPO agrees to approach donor families with the opportunity to directly donate their loved one's kidney to a member of the US military, or the Military Share program.

Upon authorization being obtained, the authorizing OPO will contact the Cambridge85 coordinator to assist with the allocation and help coordinate the directive from the DoD. The direct donation process is similar to how direct donations occur in the current system.



### OPO PARTNERS:

- Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency
- Mid-America Transplant
- Live On Nebraska
- Life Connection of Ohio



### INTENDED RESULTS:

That 10% of all authorized kidneys will be used to begin deceased donor-initiated kidney chains resulting in the average chain length of 4.7 recipients.

This initiative also puts a focus on making sure that at least one Veteran is transplanted in each deceased donor-initiated chain.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION,

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