FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I am interested in a kidney transplant. What is the process?
Please contact The Transplant Institute at (816) 822-8257 and ask to enroll in a pre-transplant education class. You will be scheduled for a class and have a packet of information sent to you. If you have additional questions when you call, you may ask for a transplant navigator.

What is the pre-transplant education class?
All transplant candidates attend this class at The Transplant Institute. The class provides necessary information to all candidates and their families about the transplant program. You will meet the financial coordinator during the class who will review your insurance information at that time. After class, you can begin your evaluation immediately. The transplant navigator will provide you with the necessary paperwork for some testing at the hospital the same day.

How long does the transplant evaluation take?
The time to complete the evaluation process varies depending on tests required for each individual. Several tests are determined by the individual's age, gender and medical history. The goal is to complete the evaluation as fast as possible.

Do all patients get listed for a transplant?
No. After completion of your evaluation, you will meet with the transplant surgeon to determine candidacy. Some individuals are medically unsuitable for transplantation.

Does insurance cover all transplants?
You will meet with the financial coordinator during the pre-transplant education class who will review your insurance information at that time and will continue to work with you during the transplant evaluation.

Are other transplants performed at the Transplant Institute?
In addition to kidney transplants from deceased donors, the Transplant Institute performs living donor kidney transplants, pancreas transplants, and kidney-pancreas transplants.

What is the first step for family members/friends who are interested in donating a kidney to me?
Please ask your family member/friend to contact The Transplant Institute at (816) 822-8257 and ask for the Living Donor Navigator. The Living Donor Navigator will ask some brief questions and mail a packet of information about the Living Donor Program. Blood compatibility will be determined and a complete evaluation will follow.