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# Kidney

In 1966 Sir Roy Calne performed the first kidney transplant in Cambridge. By 2014, some 3500 kidney transplants later, Cambridge has become one of the largest transplant centres in the UK, providing transplant services for much of the East of England and beyond. The kidney transplant program includes an expanding number of living donor transplants, routine use of laparoscopic living donor nephrectomy, and antibody incompatible transplantation. Addenbrooke's has developed the largest program in the UK using kidneys retrieved from donors following cardiac death (DCD donors), and has one of the shortest waiting times for deceased donor transplantation in the country.

The first kidney transplant at Addenbrooke's hospital took place in 1966, since then, over 3500 kidney transplants have been performed in the hospital.

Kidney transplantation is performed for patients with end stage renal disease who are either on dialysis or close to starting dialysis. Patients are referred to the Addenbrooke's team by their own Nephrologist. We have close links with the Renal Units in Stevenage, Norwich, Ipswich, Chelmsford and Colchester, although the Addenbrooke's team is happy to accept referrals from all over the UK.

## Performance

More information on our performance as a kidney transplant centre can be found on the Organ Donation and Transplantation website:

- [Centre Specific Reports - Kidney](#)