

Oldest Living Kidney Donor-Recipient Pair Celebrates 50 Years

Father and daughter use anniversary to urge more to become donors

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NEWS PACKAGE

SUGGESTED TEASE	STILL TO COME, THE REMARKABLE STORY OF A FATHER WHO SAVED HIS DAUGHTER'S LIFE AND CHANGED THE COURSE OF MEDICINE IN THE PROCESS.
ANCHOR LEAD	THE MESSAGE THIS FAMILY HAS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION 50 YEARS AFTER THEY MADE HISTORY, NEXT IN HEALTH NEWS.
(PACKAGE START) -----	THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT IN THE U.S. WAS PERFORMED IN 1954.
CG: Courtesy: UCLA Health :00 - :03	THAT WAS THE SAME YEAR A BABY NAMED DENICE LOMBARD WAS BORN.
Shots of family walking Shots of family looking through momentos Dissolve to old photo <i>Music Under</i>	OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE U.S. WHO'VE GOTTEN A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SINCE THEN, DENICE IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW WHO ARE STILL LIVING WITH THE SAME DONATED KIDNEY FIFTY YEARS LATER.
CG: Denice Lombard 50 year transplant survivor :12 - :15	AND NOW, SHE AND HER FAMILY ARE MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY WITH A PERSONAL PLEA FOR OTHERS TO BECOME DONORS, AS WELL. CLARK POWELL HAS THEIR STORY.
Shot of group, tilt down to photos	(Nats - walking on campus) :02
Close up of Denice / old photos	THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE LOMBARD FAMILY HAS BEEN BACK TOGETHER AT UCLA IN HALF A CENTURY. THEY'RE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF DENICE LOMBARD - THE LAST TIME THEY WERE HERE, THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR IT. :14
Black and white photos	<i>"It was unclear what my future would be but my mother was a very determined fighter for me."</i> :05
	DENICE AND HER TWIN SISTER WERE BORN WITH A GENETIC DISORDER THAT SLOWLY CAUSED THEIR KIDNEYS TO FAIL.
	AT AGE SEVEN, HER SISTER DIANE DIED - AND DENICE WAS FACING THE SAME FATE.
	HER MOTHER TRIED TO GET DENICE ON DIALYSIS, WHICH IN THE 1960s WAS STILL A RELATIVELY NEW TREATMENT METHOD - AND DENICE WAS JUST 13. :18



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<p>CG: Anne Lombard Denice's mother :35 - :44</p>	<p><i>"I was told only males, heads of households who had jobs that they could return to, would be allowed to be on dialysis."</i> :07</p>
<p>Shots of family / black and white of hospital</p>	<p>SO THE LOMBARDS CAME TO UCLA, WHERE THEY ASKED DOCTORS TO CONSIDER A TRANSPLANT. :03</p>
<p>CG: Albin Gritsch, MD UCLA Health :47 - :55</p>	<p><i>"Fifty years ago only 50 percent of the kidneys lasted for one year. So, you took a big gamble back then."</i> :08</p>
<p>Shots of Ted</p>	<p>BUT IT WAS A GAMBLE HER FATHER TED WAS WILLING TO TAKE. SO, HE DONATED A KIDNEY TO HIS DAUGHTER, AND FOR THE SECOND TIME...</p>
<p>Close up of Denice</p>	<p>GAVE HER THE GIFT OF LIFE. :10</p>
<p>CG: Ted Lombard Denice's father 1:04 - 1:08</p>	<p><i>"I lost one daughter [chokes up] // "I just didn't want to lose another."</i> :09</p>
<p></p>	<p>(Dissolve to shot of twins / fade to white)</p>
<p>Wide shot of ceremony</p>	<p>(Nats - <i>"Our next speaker is Denice Lombard...applause"</i>) :06</p>
<p>Shots of Denice speaking</p>	<p>IN A RECENT CEREMONY, DENICE AND HER FAMILY FINALLY REUNITED AT UCLA.</p>
<p>Shots of surgery</p>	<p>HERE, 50 YEARS AGO, KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS WERE STILL NOVEL. TODAY, UCLA AVERAGES NEARLY A TRANSPLANT A DAY.</p>
<p>Graphic</p>	<p>AND DENICE IS USING THE OCCASION TO DRAW ATTENTION TO AN OVERWHELMING NEED.</p>
<p>-More than 100,000 on waiting list -New name is added every 14 minutes -Every hour someone dies or becomes too sick</p>	<p>RIGHT NOW THERE ARE MORE THAN <u>100-THOUSAND</u> PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ON A KIDNEY DONOR WAITING LIST - AND A NEW NAME IS ADDED EVERY 14 MINUTES.¹</p>
<p>Shot of Ted and Denice toasting</p>	<p>BUT DUE TO A KIDNEY SHORTAGE, SOMEONE DIES EVERY HOUR IN THE U.S. WHILE WAITING - OR BECOMES TOO SICK TO GET A TRANSPLANT.</p>
<p></p>	<p>BUT IF MORE PEOPLE BECAME LIVING DONORS LIKE TED - THERE WOULD BE MORE REASONS LIKE THIS TO CELEBRATE.. :37</p>
<p>Denice (CG'd earlier)</p>	<p><i>"You can save a life, you can give a person a beautiful, full, rich life."</i> :05</p>
<p>CG: Gabriel Danovitch, MD UCLA Health</p>	<p><i>"Every time I see a donor they get a special hug because we don't forget what they've done. We never forget what they've done."</i> :07</p>
<p>Denice (CG'd earlier)</p>	<p><i>"I'm very, very grateful. I don't take any day for granted."</i></p>
<p>Shots of family toasting</p>	<p>:03</p>

<p>Denice (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Music out</p> <p>(PACKAGE END) -----</p> <p>ANCHOR TAG</p>	<p>AT UCLA HEALTH THIS IS CLARK POWELL REPORTING. :03</p> <p><i>"To Life.." :01</i></p> <hr/> <p>DOCTORS SAY THE SURGERY TO HARVEST A KIDNEY FROM A LIVING DONOR HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE YEARS. IT USED TO REQUIRE MONTHS TO RECOVER. TODAY, THE PROCEDURE IS DONE LAPAROSCOPICALLY, THROUGH TWO SMALL INCISIONS, AND RECOVERY CAN TAKE ONLY A FEW WEEKS.</p> <p>TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ORGAN DONATION GO TO ORGANDONOR.GOV</p>

SOCIAL MEDIA

<p> Share it! Suggested tweet:</p> <p> Suggested post:</p>	<p>Father and daughter mark the 50th anniversary of their kidney transplant @UCLAHealth, and urge more to become donors: http://bit.ly/2n6WUeJ</p> <hr/> <p>When Ted Lombard donated a kidney to his 13-year old daughter in 1967, he had no idea if the transplant would work. The surgery was considered risky and experimental back then. But doctors at UCLA took a chance. Today, 50 years later, the Lombards celebrate a remarkable milestone and are using the anniversary to urge more people to become donors. See their story here: http://bit.ly/2n6WUeJ</p>
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EXTRA BITES

<p>CG: Albin Gritsch, MD UCLA Health</p>	<p>Dr. Gritsch talks about the need for kidneys: <i>"We have roughly 400,000 people in the United States on dialysis and we have about 80,000 people that would benefit from a kidney transplant."</i></p> <p>Dr. Gritsch talks about advances in harvesting kidneys: <i>"One of the major advances has been the improvement in the surgical technique to remove the kidney so that people can go back to a normal healthy life pretty quickly after donating a kidney."</i></p> <p>Dr. Gritsch says those who donate today recover much faster: <i>"Back then it was not uncommon to take 2-3 months before people recovered from donating a kidney and today many people can go back to a desk-kind of work within a couple of weeks."</i></p>
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CG: Gabriel Danovitch, MD
UCLA Health

Dr. Danovitch talks about the gift Ted gave to Denice:
"The full wonderful life that she has led. To show you just how incredibly life-changing kidney transplant can be."

Dr. Danovitch talks about advances in kidney harvesting:
"We are able to basically take anyone who is healthy and motivated to be a donor, we can make that donation, we can pull that donation off one way or the other."

Dr. Danovitch talks about improvements in transplant survival:
"We've really fine-tuned this process so that we can achieve successes of 95% in the first year, 90% over long-term."

Dr. Danovitch talks about transplant success rates:
"Transplants are now usually successful. Not always. I mean, things don't always go well, but most of the time, if we get things right, and we usually do, things go very well. And people's lives are changed for the better."

Denice talks about the condition of her and her twin at birth:
"We were born with a gene mutation which caused us to have kidney failure."

Denice talks about her life after losing her twin sister:
"They managed to keep me alive for another 6 years and I had my transplant in 1967. August 30th, 1967."

CG: Denice Lombard
50-year transplant survivor

Denice talks about her father - who was her donor:
"Is still alive and healthy today. He's 88 now. And my kidney of course is 88 as well."

Denice says donating a kidney has become much easier:
"Even today there's a lot of myth and a lot of misunderstanding about what it is to be a living donor. It's actually not that big of deal anymore if you're a healthy person."

Denice encourages people to become living kidney donors:
"I've lived 50 years on one of my dad's kidneys. My dad has lived 50 years on one kidney, so it's not a big deal."

CG: Ted Lombard
Denice's father

Ted talks about coming back to UCLA:
"The last time I was here was probably 50 years ago when Denice had her transplant."

Ted says the donor surgery has improved dramatically:
"I have a slice all the way across here, now they just go in and a small 2-inch hole and get the kidney. So, it's a lot easier."

<p>CG: Ted Lombard Denice's father</p>	<p>Ted talks about the longevity of the transplant: <i>"I'm pretty amazed that it's lasted this long on my side or hers."</i></p> <hr/> <p>Anne talks about her determination to help Denice: <i>"I was convinced that there was a way somewhere, somehow to preserve Denice's life. I was committed to find out what that was somewhere, anywhere."</i></p>
<p>CG: Anne Lombard Denice's mother</p>	<p>Anne talks about Denice: <i>"I think she's a marvelous ray of light on this planet."</i></p> <p>Anne talks about the ordeal with her twin daughters: <i>"She once said to me, 'I wouldn't have gone through this for anything if it could have avoided, but some of the ways I like about myself the most were born of this experience.' And I realized that was true of me too."</i></p> <p>Anne says her determination led to changes in transplants: <i>"You just take a little step and it can cause a whole movement."</i></p>

References

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