

Rare Transplant Procedure Could Save Lives, Change Field

"Re-gifting" Kidneys Gives Hope to Those in Need of Donation

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NEWS PACKAGE


SUGGESTED TEASE	A RARE PROCEDURE, THAT IF MADE STANDARD, COULD IMPROVE THE ODDS OF THOSE IN NEED OF AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT. HOW ONE SURGEON IS LEADING THE CHARGE FOR A NEW LIFE-SAVING PROTOCOL, NEXT IN HEALTH NEWS.
ANCHOR LEAD	<p>SOMETIMES THE GIFT OF LIFE CAN BE RE-GIFTED – AND SHOULD BE. SO SAYS ONE PROMINENT TRANSPLANT SURGEON.</p> <p>CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. THERE ARE MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE WAITING FOR A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT, YET LESS THAN 20 PERCENT WILL RECEIVE ONE THIS YEAR³.</p> <p>BARB CONSIGLIO HAS MORE ON A NEW APPROACH TO DONATION THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF KIDNEYS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE ON DIALYSIS, ALLOWING THEM TO LIVE MORE FULLY.</p>
(PACKAGE START) -----	
CG: Courtesy: UCLA Health :00 - :03	(Nats) <i>"I'm 70 years old and I never thought I would have a second chance at life. And I do, thanks to you."</i> :10
Shot of Vertis Boyce hugging Beto's mother and sister	FOR NINE AND A HALF YEARS, VERTIS (VUR-tis) BOYCE WAITED FOR A MIRACLE. :04
CG: Vertis Boyce Kidney transplant recipient	<i>"I had to resign to the fact that I would never receive a kidney, that I would spend the rest of my remaining days, which I was thinking wouldn't be long, on dialysis."</i> :09
Shots of both Beto's mom and sister meeting Vertis	BUT THANKS TO A NEW APPROACH TO DONATION, THE CALL FINALLY CAME. :04
CG: Jeffrey Veale, MD Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center	<i>"There was a teenage girl who died tragically. And her family donated a kidney to a young man in his 20s. // Two years after his kidney transplant, he died."</i> :11
	(Nats: "He looks happy") :02
	<i>I didn't want to see a teenage girl's kidney that was</i>

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<p>Shots of Dr. Veale in surgery</p> <p>Shots of Dr. Veale and Vertis</p> <p>CG: Jeffrey Veale, MD (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Shots of Dr. Veale working in office</p> <p>Shot of Dr. Veale and Vertis walking in hall</p> <p>CG: Linda Maldonado Sister of second donor, Beto</p> <p>Shots of looking at photos of Beto</p> <p>Shot of Vertis and Beto's mom hugging and crying</p> <p>(PACKAGE END) -----</p> <p>ANCHOR TAG</p>	<p><i>functioning well after two years get discarded.” :06</i></p> <p>SO DOCTOR JEFFREY VEALE AT UCLA HEALTH RE-TRANSPLANTED THE KIDNEY INTO A THIRD PATIENT – A RARE PROCEDURE THAT HAS ONLY BEEN PERFORMED A HANDFUL OF TIMES.</p> <p>ONCE CONSIDERED TABOO, DOCTORS SAY, REGIFTING KIDNEYS WOULD HAVE LIFESAVING IMPACTS. :13</p> <p><i>“20 to 25 percent of patients who have a kidney transplant die with a functioning kidney transplant. // That’s a lot of potential kidneys that could be put out there in the pool. :11</i></p> <p>VEALE SAYS THIS PROTOCOL COULD SAVE HUNDREDS OF LIVES EACH YEAR AND SHOULD BECOME STANDARD IN DONATION, HELPING PATIENTS LIKE VERTIS WHO OTHERWISE MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED A KIDNEY. :10</p> <p><i>“It’s a second chance that they get in life, just like he did, and you know, kidneys don’t go with you to Heaven. They’re just discarded. So, why not give somebody else a second opportunity?” :12</i></p> <p><i>(Nats: Mom: “Mi hijo.” Vertis: “He lives on, he lives on. I’ll take good care of myself so I can take good care of this.”) :18</i></p> <p>AT UCLA HEALTH, THIS IS BARB CONSIGLIO REPORTING. :03</p> <hr/> <p>THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 30 MILLION PEOPLE WHO WILL GO ON DIALYSIS OVER THE NEXT DECADE². EXPERTS SAY IF RE-TRANSPLANTING KIDNEYS WERE TO BECOME STANDARD PRACTICE, IT WOULD OPEN UP THE DONOR POOL TO THOSE WAITING ON THE CALL FOR THIS LIFE-SAVING ORGAN.</p>
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SOCIAL MEDIA

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**Suggested post:**

Sometimes, the gift of life can and should be “re-gifted.” That’s why one [UCLA Health](https://www.uclahealth.org) transplant surgeon is leading the charge for a new protocol to address the organ shortage – saving lives and changing the field of transplant medicine. <http://bit.ly/2Dzbpi0>

EXTRA BITES

CG: Jeffrey Veale, MD
Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

Dr. Veale talks about the need for regifting transplants:
“There’s about 30,000,000 people in the United States with chronic kidney disease. So they’re approaching end stage renal failure. They’re not on dialysis yet. But they know in the next 5 or 10 years, they’re going to need a kidney transplant.”

Dr. Veale talks about the impact of re-transplanting kidneys:
“Even if it saved five lives, even if we did this and it saved five lives, can you imagine if it was your life on dialysis?”

Dr. Veale talks about changing the perspective of the transplant community:
“If we can do more and more of these, I think this could go from being outside of the box and being very unusual to being much more commonplace and helping many more people. We just have to have an open mind.”

CG: Vertis Boyce
Kidney transplant recipient

Vertis discusses how getting a kidney changed her life:
“I’m just so grateful to this family. It’s just like, a blessing. That’s the best way I can explain it. I feel freer, and I know I’m on the road to a more fulfilled life. I have a six year old grand baby that I thought I wouldn’t live to see grow up. I think I will be there now.”

CG: Linda Maldonado
Sister of second donor, Beto

Linda talks about their family’s view of organ donation:
“They helped him and we were able to see him and have him with us for more years than what he was going to live if he didn’t have a kidney. And we just thought, they gave him that gift, why not us give that gift to somebody, why not help another family if we can?”

Linda talks about how it feels to meet her brother’s recipient:
“It’s an honor to meet her and to see that she actually wanted to meet us. Never in a million years did I think I was gonna be able to meet her, so it’s very exciting. There’s a lot of feelings and emotions and one that can’t really explain, but it’s a really good feeling.”

References

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³*Organ Donation and Transplant Statistics, National Kidney Foundation.* Online:
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