

# Renal and Pancreas Transplant news

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*Transplant patient Charlotte Santiago undergoes an exam from Sadanand Palekar, M.D., Program Director of the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.*

More than 17,000 people in this country received kidney and/or pancreas transplants last year. The first step in receiving an organ transplant is learning as much as possible about the entire transplantation process. You can improve your chances of receiving a transplant by taking an active role in each part of the process.

Chronic kidney disease is a life-altering event. The Saint Barnabas Health Care System Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division, located at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, is committed to helping patients understand their medical condition and their treatment options. Each facility hosts weekly educational programs, support

groups and individual counseling sessions throughout the year to keep patients informed and active regarding all their health care decisions. "The more patients understand about transplantation, the more control they have over their own health," states Sadanand Palekar, M.D., Program Director at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Providing a full picture of the benefits and responsibilities associated with transplant is a priority at the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division. Patients and families are invited to attend one of the educational programs where they meet members of the transplant team, hear about the transplant process from individuals who have already been through it, and begin the evaluation process. Participants learn about all aspects of transplant and living organ donation. These small and informal sessions allow plenty of opportunity for questions. During this evaluation process, patients with a history of diabetes are given information about pancreas transplantation. A separate evaluation meeting is then set up for interested patients who fulfill the criteria specific to this type of transplantation.

The first step in getting an organ transplant is calling the Transplant Center and scheduling a visit to one of our introductory educational sessions.

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# How Do I Open The Subject of Living Donation With My Family?



"Many people with chronic kidney disease are hesitant to discuss living donation with family or friends," says Debbie Morgan, L.C.S.W., Director of the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division. "Even people surrounded by loving, caring families find this a difficult subject to raise." At the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division, living donation is simply a part of the comprehensive transplant education process. Transplant candidates are encouraged to bring immediate and extended family members to educational sessions where living donation is presented as the best treatment option for those patients who have willing donors. "Individuals who attend can take the information, think about it as long as they need until they feel comfortable," Ms. Morgan explains. In addition, the center provides written materials about the benefits of living donor transplantation that candidates can share with family and friends.

## More Living Donor Options

New Jersey's first Living Donor Institute, developed at the Saint Barnabas Health Care System Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division, offers a comprehensive range of services for living donation that includes the following:

- ❖ The **Living Donation Kidney Exchange Program** involves the matching and exchange of kidneys between donor/recipient pairs that are not compatible with each other. This allows recipients who have a willing living donor that does not match them, an opportunity to still receive a living donor transplant. The Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division participates in a number of national paired exchange registries in partnership with the NJ Organ and Tissue Sharing Network, in order to increase opportunities for matching pairs.
- ❖ The **Program for Incompatible Transplants** offers some potential recipients the option to receive a living donor kidney from an incompatible donor. Depending on the type and degree of incompatibility, medical technology may be able to overcome those immune system responses that cause transplant rejection and possible loss of the transplant.

## Study to Help Overweight Patients Improve Health and Obtain Kidney Transplants

A new study developed by The Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division, "Therapeutic Options for Obese Kidney Transplant Candidates", is the first fully integrated program designed to help patients reduce their weight and improve their health in order to become eligible for a kidney transplant. The study is open to chronic kidney disease patients with weight-related medical conditions which have prevented them from becoming eligible for a kidney transplant. A multidisciplinary weight loss team will counsel patient regarding treatment options including behavioral modification and bariatric surgery. To learn more, contact Saint Barnabas Medical Center at **973.322.5938** or Newark Beth Israel Medical Center at **973.926.7555** and ask to speak to the transplant dietician or visit [saintbarnabas.com](http://saintbarnabas.com) (*select Transplant Programs, Renal Transplant*).



*Stuart R. Geffner, M.D., Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Surgery for Saint Barnabas Health Care System Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division, and Erin Vermeulen, P.A., remove a kidney from a donor.*

- ❖ The **Altruistic Living Donor Program** matches altruistic donors, those willing to offer one of their kidneys to a stranger, with recipients awaiting transplantation.

## Robotic-Assisted Surgery for Donors

The Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division provides robotic-assisted kidney removal -- an advanced form of minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery using the da Vinci Surgical System. "Robot-assisted technology is a remarkable surgical tool. It allows us to do precision work with less trauma to the patient," states Stuart Geffner, M.D., Director of Renal and Pancreas Transplant Surgery for the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

The technique involves the use of a high-definition 3D viewer, a laparoscopic camera and robotic arms that are inserted into the patient through four half-inch incisions. The result is less pain and scarring, as well as a quicker recovery. Robotic-assisted surgery is the preferred method of kidney removal. Virtually 100 percent of donor surgeries performed at Saint Barnabas Health Care System use this technique.

## Simplifying the Process for Out-Of-State Donors

The Transplant Division coordinates the evaluation and testing of living donors who reside out-of-state or even out of the country. Potential donors may have the preliminary medical screening completed at their local health care facility and travel to New Jersey at the time of surgery. The Transplant Division will also facilitate the documentation necessary for kidney donors who plan travel to the United States from other countries.

# Can I Afford a Renal Transplant?

Kidney transplantation is considered the best and most cost-effective long-term treatment for kidney failure. Medicare, Medicaid and most employee group health insurance programs pay for a large percentage, and in most cases all of the cost of kidney transplant surgery and hospitalization, including the expenses associated with living donation.

The transplant program's social workers and financial coordinators offer support to patients and families planning for the ongoing financial aspects of transplantation. The average cost of immunosuppressive medications is estimated at \$2,500 per month following transplant surgery. The social workers are experienced in identifying a variety of federal, state and private assistance programs that help patients meet these expenses. "We begin meeting with patients as early as possible to complete a full financial assessment," explains Adriane Shaw, M.S.W., transplant social worker at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. "There are many opportunities for financial

assistance, but it can be a complex and overwhelming process for transplant candidates at a time when they have so many things on their minds. We simplify the process by helping them file the appropriate forms and apply for any available assistance," says Ms. Shaw. As the recipient's health improves, social workers also counsel patients in vocational rehabilitation and support them as they re-enter the workforce. "Ours is an ongoing relationship with patients," explains Ms. Shaw. "Social work support, whether it be social, emotional, vocational or financial counseling is provided to the patient and family throughout their transplant experience."

*The Saint Barnabas Transplant Division offers an experienced team of transplant coordinators, registered nurses with additional training in kidney and pancreas transplant medicine. As the patients' primary contact at the transplant center, coordinators provide pre-transplant education and assist patients and families through the entire transplant process.*

## La Selección del Transplante Adecuado:

### ¿Cómo Puedo Ayudar a que Suceda?

El año pasado, más de 17.000 personas recibieron un transplante de riñón o de páncreas en este país. El primer paso para recibir un transplante de órganos es aprender tanto como sea posible sobre el proceso completo del transplante en sí. Usted puede aumentar la probabilidad de recibir un transplante tomando un papel activo en cada paso del proceso.

Las enfermedades renales crónicas representan un evento que altera su vida de manera definitiva. La División de Transplantes Renales y Pancreáticos del Sistema de Cuidados de la Salud de Saint Barnabas, ubicada en el Centro Médico Beth Israel de Newark y en el Centro Médico Saint Barnabas de Livingston, están comprometidos a ayudar a los pacientes a entender tanto su condición médica como las opciones disponibles para su tratamiento.

A lo largo del año, cada una de estas instalaciones patrocina programas educativos semanales, grupos de apoyo y sesiones individuales de asesoría, con el fin de mantener a los pacientes informados y activos en cuanto a las decisiones que tomen relacionadas con el cuidado de su salud. De acuerdo con el Dr. Sadanand Palekar, Director del Programa en el Centro Médico Beth Israel de Newark, "Mientras más entiendan los pacientes sobre el proceso del transplante, podrán tener un mejor control de su propio estado de salud".

Una de las prioridades de la División de Transplantes Renales y Pancreáticos es proveer una imagen completa de los beneficios y las responsabilidades asociadas con los transplantes. Los pacientes y sus familiares están cordialmente invitados a participar de uno de los programas educativos, donde podrán

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# Simultaneous Kidney-Pancreas Transplant Gives Patient a Second Chance at Life



Kenyan White, 34, has a lot of living to do. As the recent recipient of a simultaneous kidney-pancreas transplant, he feels well enough to do all of the things he was not healthy enough to accomplish previously.

Kenyan grew up in East Orange, New Jersey and had fun hanging out with his friends and playing sports in his neighborhood. Things changed when he turned 13 and was diagnosed with type

1 diabetes. Now, he had to learn how to monitor his blood sugar and teach himself to administer insulin two to three times a day. With diabetes came complications and he was hospitalized a few times during his high school years.

By the time Kenyan turned 28, the diabetes, coupled with high blood pressure, permanently damaged his kidneys and he began dialysis at Parkside Dialysis in Newark. The nurses and other patients that Kenyan met encouraged him to get evaluated for a transplant. "I knew dialysis was not for me," Kenyan said, "I knew I couldn't function on dialysis long-term. I was young, I needed a transplant." Kenyan was evaluated for a transplant at the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. In 2004, he was placed on the waiting list for a kidney and then a pancreas in July 2008.

Over those four and a half years, Kenyan continued dialysis. "Dialysis takes a toll on your body. I saw a lot of people doing very poorly on dialysis. It was a struggle, but I kept my faith and prayed and I knew I would eventually receive a transplant."

In October 2008, Kenyan received a call that he was first on the list for a kidney and pancreas from a 21-year-old car accident victim. "I had come up on the list before, so I tried not to get my hopes up, he explained. It wasn't until I woke up after the surgery, that I realized, "Wow, this really happened."

Now, several months after his transplant, Kenyan is feeling great. He no longer requires dialysis or insulin to manage his diabetes. He plans to go to school to earn a college degree and return to work. "I missed out on a lot while I was on dialysis. I received a second chance at life and I plan to take advantage of it."

Kenyan would like to volunteer to speak to other dialysis patients about transplantation. He hopes to encourage others to consider transplantation as a treatment option for their chronic kidney disease and to stay strong while they are waiting for their gift. "Dialysis patients have to keep positive. Faith kept me going and I hope to encourage other patients to do the same," he says.



## Transplant Program Liaison Joins Team

Recently, Christina Psathas joined the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in the newly created role of Transplant Program Liaison. Responsible for program development and community outreach, Ms. Psathas also cultivates relationships with referring nephrologists, dialysis units and professional organizations. She also works closely with staff and patients from surrounding dialysis units to provide education and develop vital programming like the Annual Patient Symposia. No stranger to organ transplant, Ms. Psathas spent five years with the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network prior to taking on her new role at Newark Beth Israel. To reach Ms. Psathas, please call **973.926.5639**.

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conocer miembros del equipo encargado de realizar los trasplantes, escuchar sobre el proceso del trasplante de parte de individuos que ya han recibido uno y comenzar su proceso de evaluación. Los participantes aprenden más sobre todos los aspectos del trasplante y sobre la donación de órganos en vida. Estos programas constan de sesiones pequeñas e informales, por lo que hay suficientes oportunidades para aclarar cualquier duda respecto a estos temas. Durante este proceso de evaluación, a los pacientes que tienen un historial diabético se les brinda información sobre el trasplante de páncreas. Para aquellos pacientes que estén interesados y que cumplan con los criterios específicos de este tipo de trasplantes, se programa una reunión aparte para realizar una evaluación.

El primer paso para obtener un trasplante de órganos es llamar al Centro de Trasplantes y programar una visita a una de nuestras sesiones educativas introductorias.

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# Meet Newark Beth Israel Medical Center's Nephrologists



## **Sanford Cooper, M.D.**

Dr. Cooper joined the medical staff at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in 1985 after completing a fellowship in Nephrology at Mount Sinai Hospital. He received his medical degree from the New York Medical College in 1980 and performed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Long Island Jewish Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine, nephrology and medical examination. His specialties include hypertension and the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the kidney.



## **Heather Lefkowitz, M.D.**

Dr. Lefkowitz received her medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and completed her internship and residency training at the New York Hospital – Cornell Medical College. She graduated summa cum laude with a biology degree from Yeshiva University. Dr. Lefkowitz is a member of the AOA Honors Society and has also co-authored an article that appeared in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases.



## **Melvin Goldblat, M.D.**

Dr. Goldblat, who serves as the Program's Clinical Director, graduated cum laude with his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency training at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. He is a member of several prestigious medical associations and served as a Lieutenant Commander at the National Naval Medical Center in the Renal Branch of Internal Medicine Service.



## **Sadanand Palekar, M.D.**

Dr. Palekar was born and raised in Bombay, India where he received his undergraduate degree from Bombay University's Chauhan Institute of Science and received his medical degree from the University's Grant Medical College. Dr. Palekar completed his residency training at St. Elizabeth Hospital and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Palekar is the Program Director of the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.



## **Craig Goldstein, D.O.**

Dr. Goldstein joined the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program in 2007 after completing a nephrology fellowship, internal medicine residency and an internship at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. During that time, he was named both resident and intern of the year. He received his medical degree from The New York College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYCOM) in New York and graduated with a biology degree from American University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Goldstein is a member of several prestigious medical associations.



## **Shamkant Mulgaonkar, M.D., Division Chief**

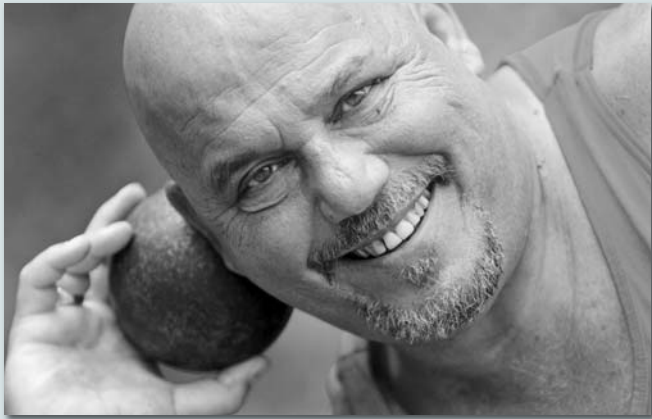
Dr. Mulgaonkar is one of the preeminent professionals in transplantation in New Jersey. He has been instrumental in the rapid growth of transplantation here and championed the development of the Living Donor Transplant Programs at both Saint Barnabas and Newark Beth Israel Medical Centers. He is a dynamic leader who has cared for more than 1,500 kidney transplant recipients since the 1970s. He is largely responsible for the success of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System's Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division as one of the most highly regarded programs in the United States.



## **Michael Grasso, M.D.**

Dr. Grasso graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1970. After completing his nephrology fellowship at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in 1976, he became an attending physician in the Department of Nephrology and Transplantation, as well as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the UMDNJ. He continues to be actively involved in the transplant program.

# Life Has Been Good for Transplant Recipient



*Mike DiPiano at the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh, PA.*

Michael DiPiano, athletic director at St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark and the recipient of a simultaneous kidney-pancreas transplant 10 years ago, uses his coaching skills and spirit for life to spread the message about organ donation and transplantation.

As a child growing up on Long Island, Michael was an athlete with a fondness for football and wrestling. It was 30 years ago, as a senior in high school, that he was diagnosed with diabetes. Advised not to play sports anymore, he and his parents sought out a physician who taught him to treat his condition with insulin so he could continue to compete. He went on to wrestle at Montclair State University.

In his 40s, after years of insulin use and damage to his kidneys, Michael's physicians advised he be placed on the transplant waiting list. It was at that time when he learned about The Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

"I remember meeting Dr. Mulgaonkar and him promising me that (the transplant) was going to happen," Michael remembers. He speaks fondly of the entire transplant team whom he says feel like part of his family.

In 1996, after being hospitalized for kidney failure, his was placed on dialysis three times a week. During this time, he would go for dialysis in the early morning so he could continue to work. "I didn't want to give up on living," he explains.

It was another family's tragedy two years later that allowed him a second chance at life when the family of a 21-year-old killed in a car accident donated their son's organs. As a result, Michael is now free of the symptoms of diabetes and no longer needs insulin or dialysis.

"From day one, I was looking for an alternative," he explains. "I wanted to live as normal a life as I could on dialysis but now with the transplant I have no limitations."

To help raise awareness about organ donation and transplantation, Michael spreads the message by speaking to community groups. He also uses his coaching skills to encourage patients on dialysis to have a good attitude and never give up hope. He tells them, "Look at me and how good I feel. It could happen for you too, if you are on the transplant waiting list."

As further testament to his appreciation of life, he remains active. For several years, he has competed in the shot put, discus and ball throw events at both the United States and World Transplant Games. He has won several medals and enjoys the new world the games have opened up for him. He plans to add bowling and swimming to his list of events at the next games.

Now at age 57, a father of three and a grandfather, Michael continues to be grateful for the transplant. "I know without the transplant, I wouldn't be here to watch my kids grow, graduate college and get married," he says. "Everyday has been a great day since then. Life has been good."

**Those interested in learning more about The Transplant Games, should contact Michael at [mdipiano@sbp.org](mailto:mdipiano@sbp.org).**



## Transplant Program Liaison Joins Team

Stacey Cooke, the Transplant Program Liaison for the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, is responsible for program development and community outreach. Her daily responsibilities include meeting with referring nephrologists, dialysis units and professional organizations. Ms. Cooke serves as an educational contact for staff and patients at area dialysis units. She also helps coordinate patient and professional symposia and facilitates the Patient Ambassador Volunteer Program. To contact Ms. Cooke, please call **973.322.2285**.

# Meet Saint Barnabas Medical Center's Nephrologists



## **Martin Jacobs, M.D.**

Dr. Jacobs has been treating patients with End Stage Renal Disease since the 1960's. Though transplantation was still in its infancy and formal training not yet available, Dr. Jacobs was eager to bring the potentially life-saving kidney transplant option to his native New Jersey. He and his fellow nephrologists and surgeons spent years researching the experimental transplants that had taken place to date and sought out the expertise of physicians at major academic medical centers around the world. These efforts led to the beginning of a medical program that would go on to perform the first kidney transplant in the State of New Jersey.



## **Anup M. Patel, M.D.**

Dr. Patel received his undergraduate degree from Rice University and his medical degree with A.O.A. distinction from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School. He joined the Saint Barnabas Transplant Department in 2004 after completing an internal medicine residency and fellowships in nephrology and transplant nephrology at the University of Michigan. An active researcher, Dr. Patel has published articles addressing infection prophylaxis and transplantation of the immunologically high risk patient in major transplant journals. Dr. Patel is the Director of Alternative Programs for Living Donation.



## **Shamkant Mulgaonkar, M.D., Division Chief**

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## **Anne Pesenson, M.D.**

Dr. Pesenson joins The Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Saint Barnabas after completing an American Society of Transplantation/American Society of Nephrology certified transplant nephrology fellowship at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, WA, and a nephrology fellowship at Boston University Medical Center in Boston, MA. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, and remained in Philadelphia to receive her medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine and pursue a residency in internal medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Her research has been presented at several national nephrology and transplant conferences, most recently at the American Society of Nephrology 2007 meeting.



## **Kim Nguyen, M.D.**

Dr. Nguyen joined the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Program at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in 2008 from University of Michigan, University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she completed a transplant nephrology fellowship and served as a clinical lecturer in the department of medicine. Prior to that, she spent several years on staff in the department of nephrology at Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Nguyen completed a general nephrology fellowship and an internal medicine residency and internship at New York Medical College, St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center of Manhattan. Dr. Nguyen is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology. Her clinical research interests include anemia in chronic kidney disease, malignancy after kidney transplantation and clinical outcomes in transplant. She has recently presented research at the 2008 American Transplant Congress.



## **Francis L. Weng, M.D., MSCE**

Dr. Weng received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University, his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and his residency training in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City. He also completed clinical and research fellowships in nephrology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA. During his fellowship, Dr. Weng received additional training in transplant nephrology and earned his master of science degree in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Penn's Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. His clinical research interests include post-transplant infections and outcomes, medication adherence and health disparities and access to transplantation. His research has been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health and published in leading nephrology and transplant journals.

# Calendar

## Programs and Events

### Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

The Caregivers Group:  
973.926.3537

Pre-transplant Education Seminar:  
973.926.7555

### Saint Barnabas Medical Center Pancreas Transplant Support Group: 973.322.8461

Parents' Night Out:  
973.322.5264

Pediatric and Adolescent Nephrology  
Teen Support Group:  
973.322.5264

Pre-dialysis Patient Education:  
973.322.7157

Pre-transplant Education Seminar:  
973.322.5938

Transplant Recipient/Family  
Support Group:  
973.322.8461

### UNOS Patient Services Line

The United Network for Organ Sharing provides a toll-free patient services line to help transplant candidates, recipients, and family members understand organ allocation practices and transplantation data. You may also call this number to discuss a problem you may be experiencing with your transplant center or the transplantation system in general. The toll-free patient services line number is **1.888.782.4800**.

### Transplant Candidate Education Program

The Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division at Saint Barnabas Health Care System has posted the Transplant Candidate Education Program to our website. To access the form, please visit [www.saintbarnabas.com](http://www.saintbarnabas.com) and select Transplant Programs from the specialty list.

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