Kidney Transplant

Many people receive a kidney from a living family member or loved one. Sometimes it could also be from someone you don’t know through a system called the Australia Paired Kidney Exchange Programme. For most people, transplant will improve their quality of life.

Deceased Donor
Many kidneys are received from a donor who has passed away. DonateLife coordinates these donations.

Medical Tests
Before the transplant you (and your living donor) will need many tests, known as ‘the work-up’.

Surgery
After the transplant surgery you will be in hospital for about a week. The transplant kidney may start working immediately but some are delayed.

Doctors Visits
You will need very regular check-ups with your doctor. These will start daily and then slowly reduce.

On average 89% of transplanted kidneys are still working after 5 years.

Medications
You will need to take medications for the life of the kidney. This will stop your body from rejecting the kidney.