



Having Your KIDNEY Donor Find YOU!

Conversations about Blood Type

As was discussed in the video (Episode #8), blood type is an important factor when it comes to finding a compatible donor.

But it can be confusing for others, and as a result, I suggest that you don't discuss your blood type, or what blood types would be compatible with you, especially in the early part of your campaign or contact with someone.

Let me explain why:

1. Many people don't know their blood type - in fact, almost half of all Americans don't know their blood type.
2. Many people think they are one blood type, but when tested, they end up to be another. If you are sharing what blood type is needed this person might exclude themselves from being tested, when in fact they are blood type compatible.
3. Being blood type incompatible is one of the primary reasons for pursuing a paired exchange. Paired exchanges are discussed in Episode #9.

For these reasons, I suggest not discussing blood type or including it in your material.

An appropriate time to discuss blood type with a potential donor is once they've started the evaluation process.

Finding out someone's blood type is the transplant centers responsibility, along with all of the other medical tests that are done on a potential donor.