



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE SUBJECTS – RECIPIENT CANDIDATES

You may be eligible to take part in a research study that will use information about you to help us learn more about **living donor liver transplantation**. The primary study objective is to learn whether it's better to receive a liver transplant from a living donor or to wait for a deceased donor. The team doing the study wants to compare recipients who receive living donor transplants (LDLT) to those who do not, including patients who receive deceased donor transplants (DDLT). We want to study how the surgery affects your health and quality of life. We are also studying the effects of the donation evaluation process and liver donation surgery itself on living donors.

The study is called the Adult to Adult Living Donor Liver Transplantation Cohort Study (A2ALL) and is being conducted by researchers at 9 leading transplant centers around the United States. The study is sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), with additional funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS).

The A2ALL project is an observational study that will be carried out until 2009. We want to observe and monitor the health and well-being of participants during the pre- and post-transplant experience. Almost all of the tests are done anyway as part of your normal course of care even if you weren't enrolled in the A2ALL study. However, if you choose to enroll in the study, you will be asked to give some additional blood and liver samples beyond what you would normally experience. We will also ask you to respond to a series of questionnaires. Your name and other identifying information will not be used in the study.

There are no direct medical benefits to you for participating in this study. There are some risks associated with donating blood samples and liver tissue. If you are interested in participating in the study, these risks will be explained to you in detail.

If you want to participate in this study, you must give your permission by signing a consent form. Please contact the transplant center for more information. Note that participation is available only to patients who are cared for at one of the nine transplant center members of the A2ALL project. If you choose not to participate in this study, it won't change the care you receive at the transplant center.