

2020 AT A GLANCE

3,825

Canadians waiting for a kidney or liver transplant

CIHI, 2020

OUR MISSION

To improve access to living organ donation for people who need a life-saving kidney or liver transplant and those who want to give a transformative gift of life.



FEBRUARY

Transplant community looks to our experts to advise on intensifying COVID-19 situation

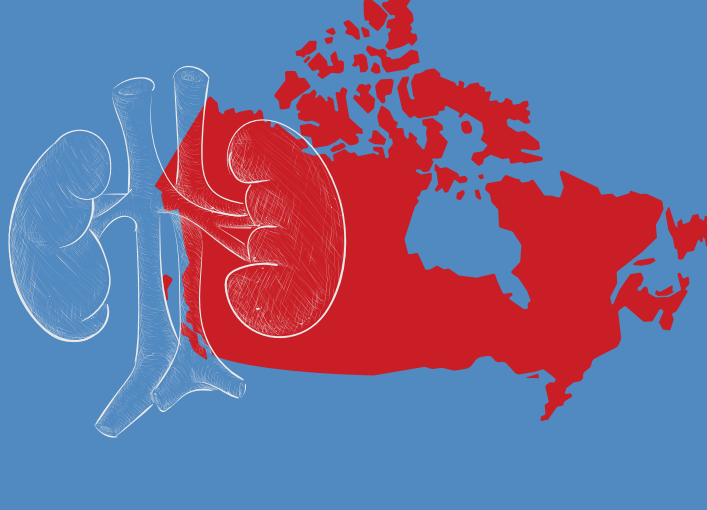
20 Canadians test positive for COVID-19, including 14 at Toronto General Hospital. Initial guidance for transplant professionals published by group of international experts, including the Ajmera Transplant Centre's Dr. Deepali Kumar. [Click here for most recent updates.](#)



APRIL

Living Liver Transplant Program celebrates 20 years of life-saving work

Over 800 individuals have donated to an adult at Toronto General Hospital or a child at SickKids Hospital in desperate need of a liver.



JUNE

Happy Kidney-versary!

Bill Armstrong, a member of the Centre's newly formed Volunteer Advisory Committee, and Catherine Armstrong, his life partner and living donor, celebrate their first kidney-versary and share their story with the world.



AUGUST

UHN & SickKids researchers team up to address barriers to living kidney transplantation

Drs. Istvan Mucsi (UHN) and Samantha Anthony (SickKids) receive Kidney Foundation Allied Health Kidney Research Grant for a study to increase equitable access to living donor kidney transplantation among Chinese Canadians.



OCTOBER

The Centre's YouTube channel becomes a source of education and inspiration

Centre for Living Organ Donation YouTube Channel attracts over 116,000 views in its first year.



DECEMBER

Investing in the future of living organ donation

The Centre advances research on social determinants of health by supporting a study on socioeconomic disparities in access to liver transplantation and outcomes by Dr. Hala Muaddi (top), winner of the 2020 Pitch Competition on Innovation in Living Organ Care, Education & Research.

The Centre will also support research projects from Marzan Hamid (bottom) and the Kidney Transplant Learning Project Team (right), runner up winners of the competition. [Honorable mention to Manoela de Paula Ferreira for "Breathe With Me," voted a favourite.](#)

JANUARY

Qualitative research for the A.C.T.I.O.N. Project (Ontario) begins

A.C.T.I.O.N. Ontario team launches focus groups and interviews with members of Ontario's African, Caribbean and Black communities to identify barriers to access in living kidney donation and transplantation.



MARCH

The Centre continues to advocate for living donation amidst the global pandemic

The Centre releases two new public service announcements highlighting living kidney donation and the importance of talking to family and friends about organ donation.



MAY

We breathe a sigh of relief as living kidney donation resumes

Canadian Blood Services announces [3-phase restart of national Kidney Paired Donation Program](#), and UHN's living kidney donation program, on hold since March, begins ramping up. Centre launches monthly live webinar series with a [session on transplant oncology](#), by [Dr. Gonzalo Sapisochin](#).



JULY

Study on equity in living liver donation and transplantation wins grant competition

Drs. Nazia Selzner (UHN) and Jennifer Flemming (Queen's University) awarded CDTRP Research Innovation Grant for ACCESS-LT project to study the prevalence and incidence of liver disease and access to liver transplant and living liver donation in ethno-racial communities.



SEPTEMBER

The living donor community comes together for Living Donation Week 2020

The CN Tower lights up for Living Donation Week, a weeklong online event to raise awareness, explore emerging issues and celebrate living donors, their recipients and all those who want to be part of their future.



NOVEMBER

Living Transplant Podcast Launches

The Centre and the Ajmera Transplant Centre launch Living Transplant, a podcast that takes listeners behind the scenes of our world renowned transplant program.

Living Donor Circle of Excellence Program Arrives in Canada

The Centre partners with Canadian Society of Transplantation on launch of Living Donor Circle of Excellence to recognize employers that provide paid time off and other supports to enable living donors to attend medical appointments and recover from surgery.



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