

Meet on kidney transplantation

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KOCHI: About one lakh people in the country seek treatment for renal diseases every year. And about half of the patients would be end-stage renal failure cases who need either dialysis or transplant. But only about 3,500-4,000 are able to get a donor.

End-stage renal failure patients are those who have lost 90 per cent the functioning of their kidneys. Dialysis is the only option for such patients unless they go for transplantation. Diabetes, high blood pressure and urinary tract diseases can disrupt the functioning of kidneys.

The concept of organ donation plays an important role,

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especially cadaver organs. The department of transplantation surgery at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences would be organising a Kidney Transplant Meet 2010 on Thursday.

Patients who came back from near-death because of transplantation of kidney, those who donated kidneys and families of those people who donated kidneys at death would be honoured.

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