Rules about privacy and confidentiality in the medical setting assume a traditional doctor-patient relationship of a single doctor treating a single patient. Living donor kidney transplantation, however, involves two patients. Because each patient's decision to participate in a living donor kidney transplant is affected by the other's actions and prior actions, living donor kidney transplantation creates the potential for tension between one participant's desire for confidentiality and the other's desire for information to make an informed decision. Currently, it is not required to provide living organ donors with any information regarding the health or risk behaviors of their intended recipients. We surveyed both professional (transplant nephrologists and transplant surgeons) and public stakeholders (donors and recipients) about what information they thought donors should be told about the intended recipient in traditional (directed) donations as well as what they should be told about the other donor and recipient in non-directed donations such as paired exchanges and chains. Using both analytical arguments and the empirical data, I will suggest that current policies may not capture the embedded nature of these decisions.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To examine the ethical issues of privacy and confidentiality and the moral underpinnings of various disclosure policies and practices in living donor transplantation
- To consider what health, health behavior and/or social factors a living donor may want to know about his/her recipient in deciding whether the benefits of donation outweigh the risks
- To consider what health, health behaviors and/or social factors that a living donor may want to know about both exchange donors and exchange recipients to determine if willing to participate in a trade
- To consider how and whether to modify disclosure policies given disparate stakeholder voices

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