

# **“I never knew about that!” Consent and communicating risk**

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# Case

**69 year old male**

**End-stage kidney disease 1979: HSP**

**Home HD 1979-1989**

**Deceased donor transplant 1989-2013; return to HHD**

**Type 2 diabetes**

**Ischaemic heart disease, AF, aortic stenosis: warfarinised**

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**Highly sensitised**

**Wife is only potential live donor: positive cross-match, no significant reduction in DSA with test PEx**

**2 years in NLDKSS with only one offer**

**July 2016: offer of a kidney from an altruistic donor:**

81 year old female, 63kg, EDTA-GFR 66 mL/min

**Long discussion in MDM and in clinic, over a number of visits**

Might expect GFR in high 20s/low 30s

Concern re cardiac status making deceased donor transplantation less attractive



# Discussion

**I never knew it would be so bad**

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**Careful attention had been paid during the consent process**

**But questions remain:**

- Do we understand recipients' priorities in the same way we do for live donors?
- Can we do better at analysing and questioning recipients' expectations from transplantation?
- Do we pay sufficient attention to recipient comorbidity in considering risks?



# Questions