

Kidney Foundation looks to increase organ donation

Currently about 400 British Columbians are on the wait-list for a kidney transplant.

To help identify barriers that keep people from registering as organ donors or receiving a kidney transplant, the BC Branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada is hosting a series of 12 “community conversations” around the province.

With presentations by kidney patients and healthcare experts, the sessions will focus on the impacts of kidney disease, and barriers and solutions to increasing organ donation and transplantation rates.

The first sessions were held in October in Vancouver and Abbotsford, and will continue through December in ten other communities: Prince George, Terrace, Kamloops, Penticton, Trail, Surrey (held in both Punjabi and English), Richmond (held in Cantonese only), Victoria, Nanaimo, and Courtenay (for persons of Aboriginal ancestry).

The sessions are part of The Kidney Foundation’s five-year Organ Donation campaign through which the foundation is committed to increasing kidney transplantation rates by 50 per cent.

For more information about the foundation’s Community Conversations program, [click here](#).
