

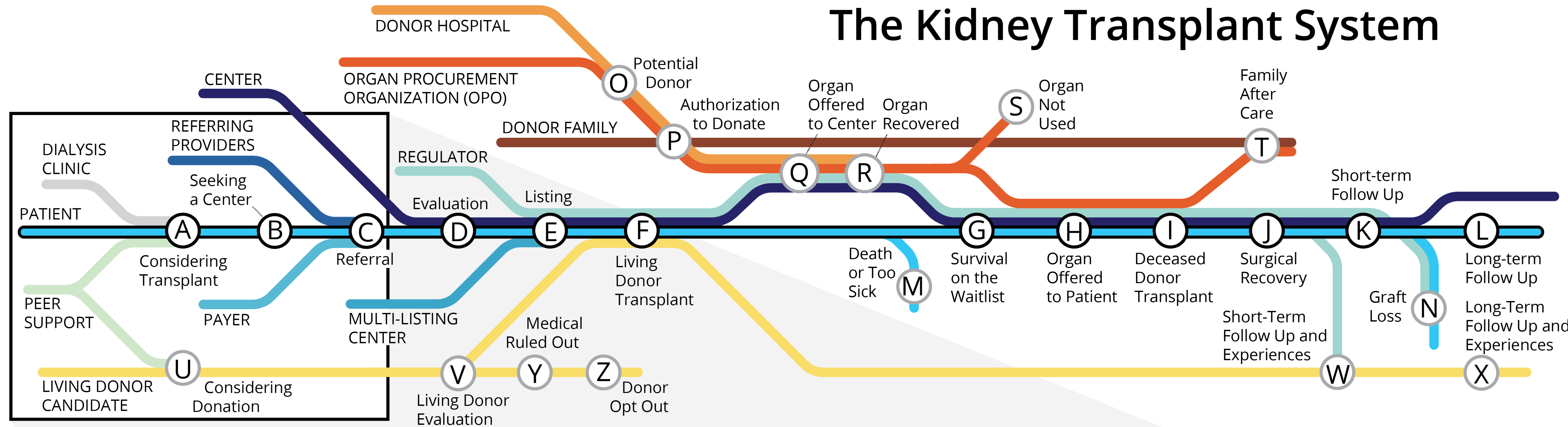


Moving transplant preparation upstream: Including awareness and education time points in the National Transplant System Map

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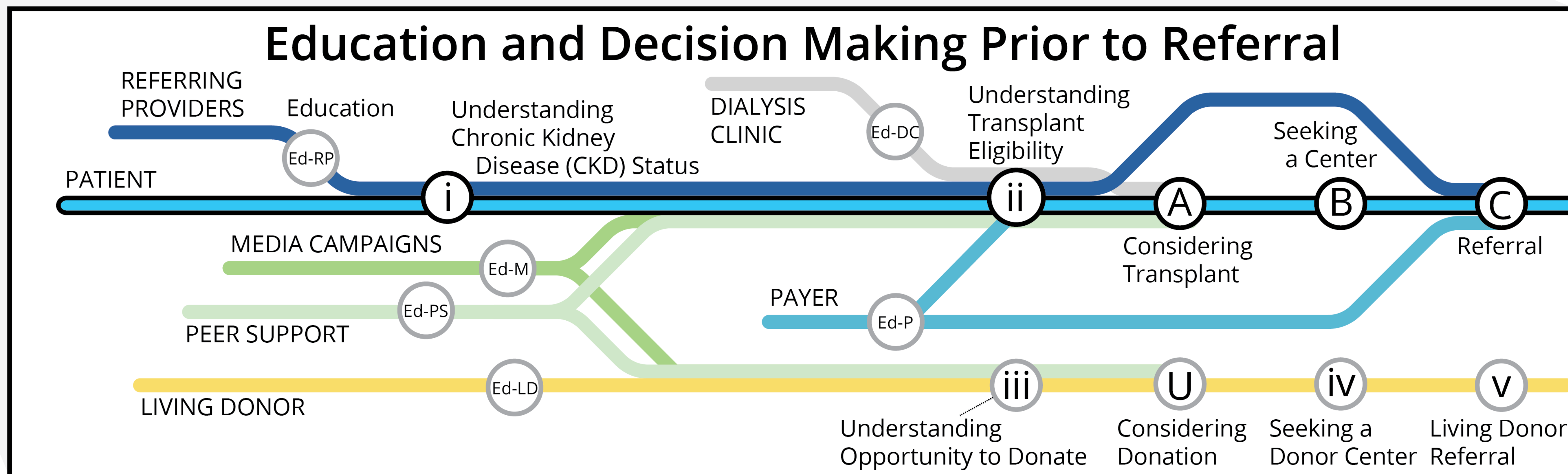
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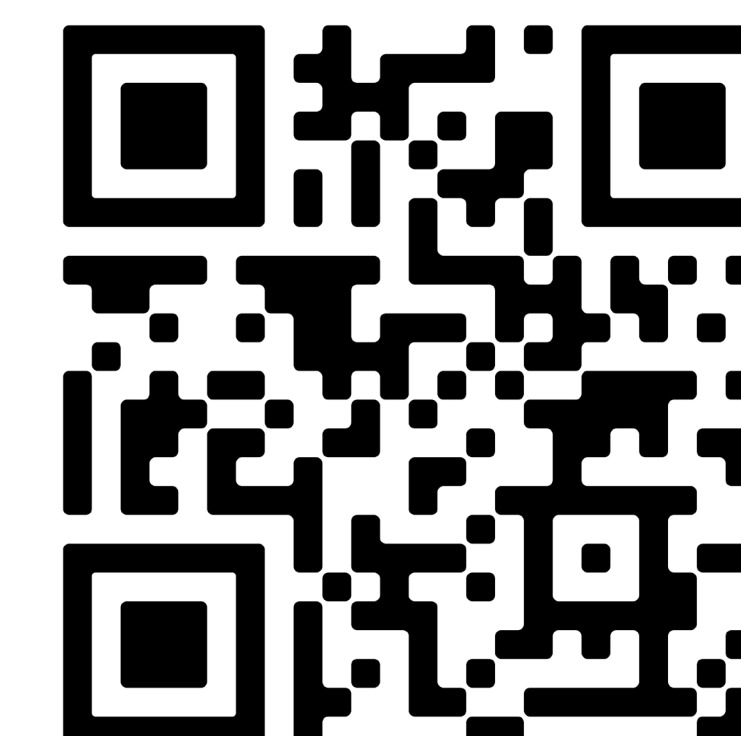


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Education and Decision Making Prior to Referral



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Introduction

- The Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) developed a schematic map of the national transplant system by defining time points beginning with individuals considering donation or transplant and ending with long-term follow-up.
- Feedback from the *People Driven Transplant Metrics* Consensus Conference,^{1,2} which engaged transplant patients and living donors, recommended adding earlier time points to incorporate those not yet aware of or committed to pursuing transplant or living donation who may become involved in the future.

Methods

Expansion of the map added time points about:

- Patient understanding of chronic kidney disease and transplant;
- Donor understanding of their ability to donate;
- Education prior to referral through public media and health and peer organizations at multiple time points.

Results

- The iterative development included feedback from multiple stakeholder groups, including professionals, patients, and living donors.
- The feedback resulted in alignment about earlier time points along the patient and donor journeys.

Conclusions

- Expansion of the National Transplant System Map to include earlier time points will enable greater prioritization of upstream processes including increasing national awareness and education about chronic kidney disease, transplant, and living donation for the general public.
- Future work can continue to develop system maps for additional organ types and patient groups.

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