

# UNRELATED LIVING ORGAN DONATION

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## INTRODUCTION

The organ donation rate especially from cadaveric donors remains low in Malaysia. On the other hand it was estimated that as many as 20,000 patients were waiting for organs in our country. Therefore, current organ donation rate is unable to meet the increasing demands.

Organs from living donors provide an alternative source of transplantable organs. In Malaysia, 80% of kidneys for transplantation are sourced from living donors.

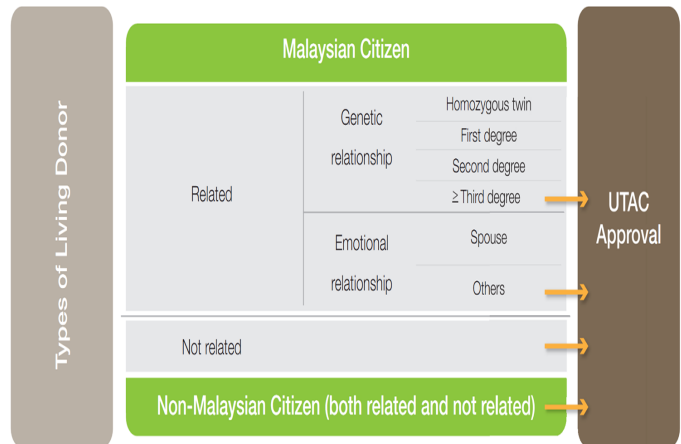
## DEFINITIONS

Living donor can be divided into three categories:

- 1) Living donor with genetic relationship with the prospective recipient
- 2) Living donor with emotional relationship with the prospective recipient
- 3) Living donor without any relationship with the prospective recipient

## UNRELATED TRANSPLANT APPROVAL COMMITTEE (UTAC)

Prior authorisation shall be obtained from the Unrelated Transplant Approval Committee (UTAC) before any organ transplantation involving unrelated living donor can take place.



## INDEPENDENT DONOR ADVOCATE TEAM (IDAT)

IDAT is a group of at least three donor advocates specifically appointed for the evaluation process of prospective donors. It shall consist of a medical donor advocate, a psychiatrist and a medical social work officer.

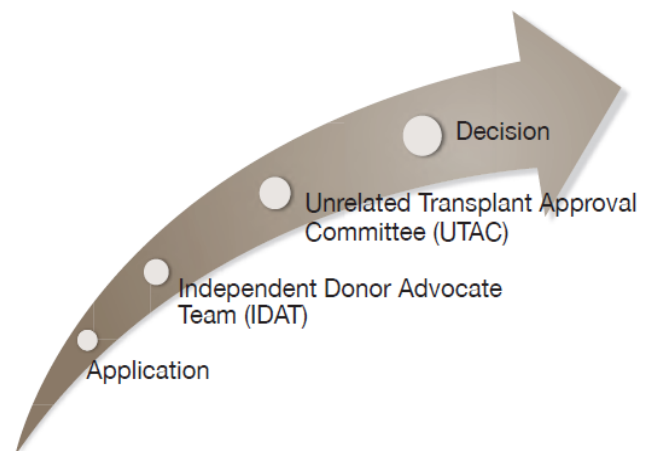


Figure 2: The 4 Basic Steps in Applying for UTAC Evaluation

