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CREATIVE FIRST – LIVE RENAL DONOR TRANSPLANTS IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL SETTING

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Biography:

Gillian is clinical nurse with many years experience in renal patient education in the setting of CKD5, peritoneal dialysis and transplantation. In the recent years, she has been committed to re-instating the renal transplant program at St. Vincent's Hospital together with the Director of the renal unit. This has successfully led to a renal transplant program that incorporates deceased donor renal transplants, combined cardiac or lung and renal transplants and a live renal donor transplants.

The live donor program in the private hospital has evolved since its inception and provides a unique option for patients to be transplanted in a private hospital setting. This poster provides an overview of the program and its success.

During 2011, the Renal Service at a leading private hospital in Sydney identified the need to address the increasing healthcare burden of dialysis. An innovative approach was taken by establishing a Renal Transplant service within the private hospital setting-a first for NSW.

Led by an experienced renal transplant team across the private and public hospital sectors, live renal donor transplants have been undertaken at this Sydney based private hospital since December, 2011.

Renal transplant donor pairs with private health insurance undergo standard transplant workup prior to being transplanted in the private hospital setting.

Close relationships between the private hospital and public hospital staff have been established by providing education, experience and post transplant management which has enabled the development of a successful renal transplant service.

From 2011 and 2017, 21 live donor renal transplants have been successfully performed in this private hospital. With a dedicated team, an innovative approach to renal management has been successfully established as a safe and effective way to manage renal transplantation and partake in alleviating the healthcare burden of dialysis.