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Kidney to Share: A living kidney donor's experience and lessons learned about barriers and opportunities in kidney donation

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On September 28, 2018 Martha Gershun donated a kidney at the Mayo Clinic to a woman she read about in the newspaper. Gershun, an accomplished nonprofit executive and graduate of the Harvard Business School, was astounded at the many obstacles she encountered in her attempt to offer this altruistic gift.

Gershun turned to her friend and colleague Dr. John Lantos, a pediatrician and bioethicist, to better understand how the history of kidney transplantation and the ethical controversies that surround living donors led to these barriers. Together, they wrote *Kidney to Share* (Cornell University Press, May 2021) to help readers understand both the scientific discoveries that made transplantation relatively safe and effective and the barriers that make it difficult and expensive to donate a kidney. They show how these barriers may discourage donors and exacerbate racial and economic health disparities.



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