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At the University of Toledo Medical Center we are committed in our mission to improve the human condition by providing quality, patient-centered health care. Recently, a process to achieve this failed, so the kidney transplant program decided to voluntarily suspend providing living kidney donor transplant services on August 10th, 2012. Please note that our deceased donor transplant program and all related services are fully operational and are actively managing our patients and families. This suspension of living donor transplant surgery enables us to evaluate and modify our transplant related procedures and protocols, so we can continue meeting the expectation of excellent patient service and care.

This voluntary suspension means that The University of Toledo Medical Center is unable to perform live donor kidney recovery and kidney transplantation surgical services from live donors during this period. We can still evaluate potential candidates and living donors, as well as provide transplant recipient follow up care during this period. You do have the option of transferring your care to an alternative facility if this is your desire. We expect the review process to take several weeks, and we will notify you immediately once our review process is completed.

So, if you need assistance in determining the impact of this suspension on your potential for receiving or donating a kidney, please contact your transplant coordinator using the provided list or call Jennifer Mikulak at (419) 383-4174. Our transplant coordinators and staff will explain your available options and help you in any manner necessary.

Attached is information from the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) describing the services and information offered to patients by UNOS and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to managing your care. Everyone's goal is to ensure that you receive a safe and successful kidney transplant.

Sincerely,
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