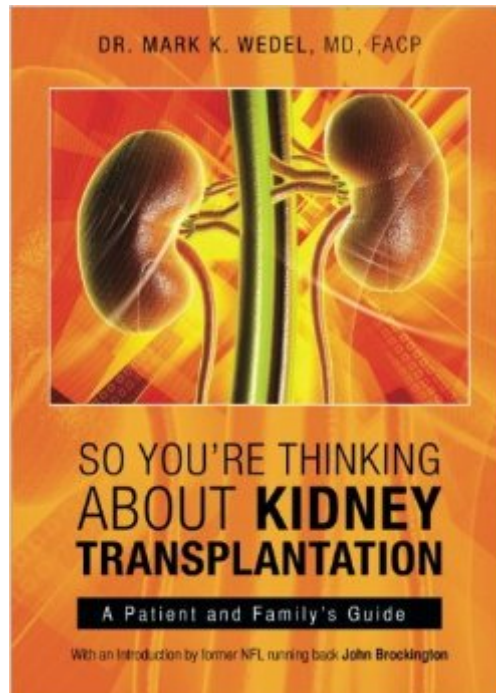


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# So You're Thinking About Kidney Transplantation



## Synopsis

With a perspective written from both sides of the scalpel, Dr. Wedel once cared for kidney transplant patients and then took his turn on the receiving end of a kidney transplant. In the process of making the transition from physician to patient, Dr. Wedel experienced firsthand the difficulty of assembling all the information required to put into place a comprehensive game plan. Frankly written and comfortably conversational, *So You're Thinking About Kidney Transplantation* provides fundamental information to aid in preparing patients and their families for the extraordinary and often daunting journey ahead. The kidney transplant journey is marathon long. *"So You're Thinking About Kidney Transplantation: A Patient & Family Guide"* is designed to ease the information burden of those who are just beginning their transplant process. These people deserve to begin their adventure with a confidence equal to that with which they'll complete their transplant odyssey. Early education and a thorough overview can accomplish that.

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"*So You're Thinking About Kidney Transplantation*" is a much needed resource for all kidney patients and their families who are scared, overwhelmed, and in need of straightforward guidance for the lay person on the pursuit of living donation. We are forever grateful to have been benefactors of Dr. Wedel's guidance which resulted in a successful kidney transplant for my husband, Bill almost 2 years ago at the age of 75! Dr. Wedel and our living kidney donor, Jeff Allen, will forever be our heroes. *So You're Thinking About Kidney Transplantation*

Dr. Wedel M.D. has written a stellar book. It provides the reader with crucial information and clear, practical steps about Kidney transplantation. The book is well written, logically organized, succinct and easy to read. Dr. Wedel has been able to present medical concepts and jargon in a thoroughly understandable way to people who have not been trained in the medical profession. Anyone remotely involved in kidney transplantation should read this book first!

When you or someone you love is faced with kidney failure you need to evaluate all of the options for the most optimal treatment. This book is an excellent, simple, well researched, thoughtful guide, written by someone within the viewpoint of a patient and a physician. Each chapter ends with a simple summary of all you need to think about to help you make the most informed decisions regarding critical treatment options available in kidney transplantation.

Dr. Wedel is a keen observer, precise scientist/physician and excellent writer. His book provides a unique opportunity for prospective kidney recipients, families as well as those who have had a kidney transplant to gain valuable insights and significant information that may not easily be gained in other venues. John W. Chandler, M.D.

For anyone with a kidney transplant in their future, for anyone who is considering the noble act of becoming a living donor, for anyone curious about kidney transplantation... this book is a must-read. It is written by a doctor who has been on both sides of the process. It is both short and complete and it is VERY accessible (non-technical). And if you are a fan of people with an unsinkable, never-say-die, take- life-as-it-comes attitude about life, you will be a fan of Dr. Mark Wedel. This book removes the mystery and the fear factor from Kidney transplantation. Let's hope its not his last book.

Dr. Wedel knows the questions and offers resources for patients and their families to arrive at answers. This incisive, detailed, but easy to follow guide offers a way out of the shock and confusion that often accompanies a diagnosis of kidney failure. That first step is an important one--get this book. The rest of the journey to transplant is well lit by the information offered here

Dr. Wedel's book is a comprehensive guide to every aspect of kidney transplantation from his unique perspective as a physician, patient and kidney recipient. His compassion and hope shine through on each page of easy-to-read information. He makes it clear that education on all aspects of

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