

“Whakamana” – Improving Māori Kidney Transplant Outcomes

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

Ko tēnei karanga ki ētahi whakaurunga māori ki tēnei kaupapa rangahau ki te mate tākihi.

Has kidney disease affected your lives or the lives of your loved ones?

We know that for those who are suitable for a kidney transplant, this treatment offers much better survival and quality of life than dialysis. However, access to transplants is hugely inequitable in NZ, particularly for Māori. We don't fully understand the causes of this inequity so this research aims to explore this topic from a Māori perspective to discover what some of these causes might be and what we can do to change them.

We hope that the findings of this study will help to improve access to kidney transplantation for Māori in the future.

We invite whānau who have kidney disease, previous kidney donors or those considering kidney donation to take part in research that explores Māori experiences, values and thoughts about kidney transplantation.

If you consent to participate in this study we will organise with you a kanohi -ki-te-kanohi (face-to-face), zoom, skype or phone interview with you (and any whānau / friends you wish to also attend) to explore your thoughts, beliefs and experiences of kidney transplantation. We will provide a koha for your time and korero.

Interviews will be conducted by Nayda Heays a Māori nurse and interviewer who is interested in kidney donation in partnership with Dr Rachael Walker (a kidney Nurse Practitioner and researcher).

If you are interested in participating in this research and want to know more about it, then please **contact Nayda Heays on nayda.heays@gmail.com OR 0276379450**