

SAVE A LIFE

THE number of patients awaiting organ donations is increasing each year but registered organ donor pledgers account for only 1.3 per cent of the Malaysian population.

To address this issue, the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia recently conducted the "Community Organ Donation Drive (CODE): Life — A Forum on Living Renal Transplantation", an experience-sharing platform created for dialysis patients and caregivers.

The Code: Life programme first started last November and it aims to promote the cause and identify barriers that affect those who are uncertain or unaware of organ donation. Some of the activities carried out during the recent forum included a health talk on renal transplantation by a nephrologist, as well as sharing sessions by kidney donors and recipients.

Through this programme, NKF hopes to educate and create awareness about kidney transplant as the first option for end-stage renal disease patients, for it allows them to have a better quality of life compared to dialysis treatment.

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