



*When you order a drink, you may request less sugar.  
When you order some food, you may request less salt.  
In our life, can we request less disease and less pain?*

Hi

I am Agatha. I'm an IgA Nephrology patient. IgA Nephrology, also known as Berger's disease, is a kidney disease that occurs when an antibody called immunoglobulin A (IgA) builds up in your kidneys. This results in local inflammation that, over time, can hamper your kidneys. Some people develop end-stage kidney failure.

In 2020, my kidney flared up and since then my kidney function has been dramatically declining. My kidney function now is only 9% left. I always thought I was healthy - I go swimming, jogging, diving and even ran a half marathon,.... I never thought that my kidney would fail....

To survive, I will either have to start dialysis treatments and/or get a kidney transplant. Dialysis can be really hard on people, both physically and emotionally. The average waiting time to receive a kidney transplant is 5-8 years. In the San Francisco Bay Area, California, the average waiting time for Blood Type B is 8 years.

A kidney from a living donor can save my life. I want to be healthy again, and I look forward to the day when I'm not tired, unwell and can live my life to the fullest with my husband and daughter.

I am listed in the transplant list of:

- 1) Stanford Healthcare, Palo Alto, CA 94305
- 2) UW Health, Madison, WI 53792

If you would consider being my living donor, please email [kidney4aga@gmail.com](mailto:kidney4aga@gmail.com)

If you would like to be reviewed as a potential living donor, please complete the screening form at one of the hospitals below.

- 1) StanfordHealthCareLiveDonors.org
- 2) UWHealth.org/can-I-be-a-donor

Potential Living Kidney donors:

- must be healthy, in good physical and mental health.
- competent and freely willing to donate, without coercion or financial gain
- 18 years of age older
- go through a thorough medical evaluation, including education about risks/benefits
- can change their minds any time, no questions asked
- able and willing to comply with follow-up care
- are covered by my insurance for all costs related to the donation

Thank you  
Agatha Law

To be Thankful – I can still taste strawberry as strawberry. I was told that I would be tasting everything metallic.

To be Thankful – I can still eat and enjoy eating, even though a renal diet is difficult to follow. I was told I would be losing my appetite.

To be Thankful – I can be bold to share my story.

To be Thankful Every day