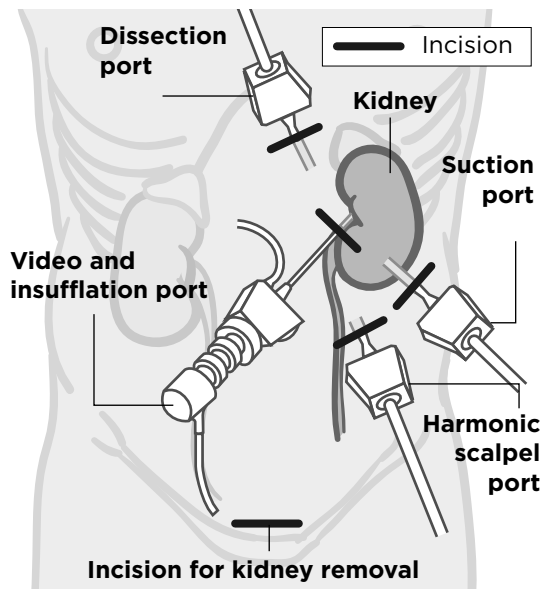


THE TRANSPLANT

Instead of one large incision, laparoscopic kidney transplants use several small incisions to remove the donor's kidney. Doctors insert a small video camera in the abdomen and inflate the area with gas to create the space needed to operate. This procedure is less obtrusive and reduces recovery time and pain. The kidney is then immediately implanted in the recipient.

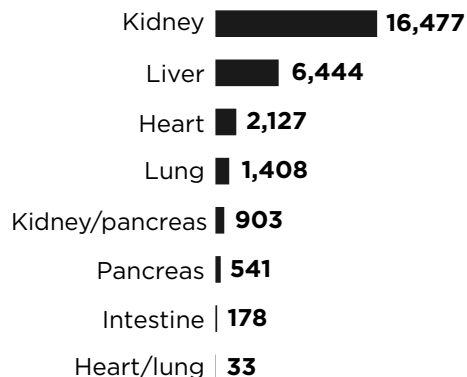


1. Four small incisions are made in the abdomen for instruments needed to free the kidney.

2. Once freed, the kidney is placed in a bag and removed through a fifth, slightly larger incision.

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In 2005, 28,111 organ transplants were performed.



Waiting lists

Some candidates register for transplants at more than one transplant center.

Waiting list registrations	98,843
Waiting list candidates	91,925
Multiple listings	6,918