

Living Kidney Donation A to Z: Understanding the Basics Additional Q&A

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1. Is the role of the ILDA usually performed by someone outside of the transplant center?

Answer: Thanks for the question—this is answered in-depth in History of the ILDA Role: Including the Basics, Regulatory Oversight, and Policy (webinar #1-- aired May 27 and archived). In short, this is not addressed in regulation/ guidance, and transplant centers have implemented the ILDA role in a variety of ways. Some centers have an embedded ILDA clinician; others have hired an outside consultant. Either way, the ILDA must be independent from transplant recipient care.

2. If the social worker completes the psycho social evaluation does the ILDA also complete a brief psycho social to gain comfort around candidacy or should they only review the social workers psycho social and gain comfort through open ended questions??

Answer: Thanks for the question. This will be answered in more depth in Navigating the ILDA Role: Challenges and Responsibilities (webinar #7, airing October 21). The ILDA's role is primarily to assess elements of informed consent. Many ILDAs are not psychosocial providers, so this is not a designated aspect of their role.