

Kidney Transplant Problem

Tonight, the Laymen's Board of Review of General Hospital meets to consider applicants for kidney transplants. Each of the patients described below has been evaluated by the medical staff, and it has been determined that each patient will probably die in three to six weeks without a dialysis. The best statistical estimates are that only about 3 donors will be available during that period. The board must establish a priority list of who will get the kidneys by rank-ordering the nine applicants. They are:

1. **John Hallbright.** Age 41. Married. Two children, a son 12 and a daughter 4. College graduate. Works as an officer in a bank. Wife also employed as an elementary school teacher.
2. **Marie Villareal.** Age 39. Unmarried. College graduate; holds a Master's in physical therapy. Employed at VA hospital 14 years; is head of Physical and Occupational Therapy treatment center.
3. **Pamela Watson.** Age 23. Married, no children. College graduate. Teaches social studies and is cheerleader advisor in junior high school. Husband is a high school teacher. Medical diagnosis indicates a heart condition that may cause complications in a transplant operation.
4. **Avery Smith.** Age 51. Married. Three children, a daughter 19 and two sons 17 and 15. High school graduate. Owner and operator of Smith Industries, a machine shop that employs 150. City councilman for twelve years; member of library board of directors for six years.
5. **William Work.** Age 11. One of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Work. Has received a kidney transplant that failed.
6. **Walker Red Cloud.** Age 22. Ojibwa Indian. At least four children by two wives. Fourth-grade education. No occupation.
7. **Nancy Adams.** Age 34. Divorced. Three children, a daughter 7 and twin sons G, all in her custody. Employed as a secretary in a real estate office. Receives no child support from her ex-husband, whose whereabouts are unknown.
8. **Mary Parenti.** Age 12. IQ 87. Teachers describe her as shy, withdrawn, and inhibited. Family emigrated to New York the year she was born. Family owns restaurant where both parents work.
9. **Juan Gonzalez.** Age 32. Married, eight children. Migrant worker. Wife and three oldest children also work as migrant workers.