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Podcast Transcript:

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IgA Nephropathy

“IgA: Will the disease come back in a transplant?”

Patient: If I am transplanted, can IgA Nephropathy come back and destroy the transplanted kidney?

Dr. Falk: Unfortunately, IgA may deposit in a fresh, brand-new transplant. The disease was first described in 1968 by a French physician by the name of Berget. He noticed, even in that era, that in transplanted kidneys, the IgA molecule could again be deposited in the kidney.

Most happily, however, the vast majority of people with IgA Nephropathy, even if there is IgA deposited in their kidney, don't seem to get the actual disease back in their transplanted kidney. That's really an important observation.

Recurrence rates of IgA in newly transplanted kidneys are mercifully small. If you need a kidney transplant, recurrence of IgA Nephropathy should not be high on your worry list.