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Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah

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Thank God it Worked

Ortal's condition deteriorated of late. In a precedent-setting move, the hospital decided to use her father Shlomo's (51) kidney, even though his blood type was A and her body could have rejected the organ. In order to carry out the transplant under such complicated circumstances, the Transplant Division staff at Beilinson planned out various stages for the first-of-its-kind process. As part of Ortal's preparation for transplant, the blood bank staff under Dr. Yakov Orlin began filtering Ortal's antibodies out of her blood stream in order to reduce the chances of rejection of the new kidney. Additionally, Ortal received blood transfusions and medications to prevent rejection.

"A transplant of this kind signals a breakthrough and enables a substantial increase in the number of organ transplants in Israel.," said Professor Eitan Mor, director of the transplant department at Beilinson. Experience shows that through innovative care and proper monitoring of the level of antibodies in the blood at the time of transplant, it is possible to achieve good results for the long term as well.

Ortal continues to receive post-transplant anti-rejection treatment through neutralizing her body's antibodies. Her condition is good and she was released home. Her father Shlomo, who donated the kidney that saved her life, said yesterday: "I told myself that it's better if I donate now rather than later. The medical staff decided to do a procedure that has been done before, but not in Israel, in which you neutralize the blood type of the organ so it's accepted. And now, thank God, it worked and we're both recovering at home. I hope Ortal retruns quickly to normal life and this will all be behind us."

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