

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT REFERRAL FORM

Referral Guidelines for Kidney Transplantation:

Kidney transplant should be considered for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) or End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Referring Regional Renal Programs (RRPs) must have robust processes to annually assess patients' eligibility for kidney transplant referral. The guidelines identified below are the agreed upon conditions for which a patient should be referred for a kidney transplant assessment.

Do not proceed with referral if any of the following apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active malignancy (metastatic cancer) • Critical inoperable valve disease • Active irreversible ischemic progressive heart disease • Severe (LVEF < 20%) left ventricle dysfunction (unless possibly uremic in origin) • Patient has not consented to transplant
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Timing of Referral

<i>In general, pre-emptive kidney transplantation is the preferred form of renal replacement therapy and should be encouraged where feasible. As per the ORN's provider resource and the MCKC Best Practices document, patients should be referred for kidney transplant if:</i>	
Patient with potential living donors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eGFR less than 15 mL/min per 1.73 m² or • ≥ 25% chance of requiring renal replacement therapy within 2 years, as assessed with a valid equation, see www.kidneyfailurerisk.com or • Expect dialysis will be needed in the next 2 years.
Patients without potential living donors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient is receiving dialysis • Patient is expected to receive dialysis within the next year.

To refer a candidate for kidney or kidney/pancreas transplantation complete this form and attach all applicable documents.

Transplant Program	
Kingston General Hospital Fax: 613-548-1394	The Ottawa Hospital Fax: 613-738-8489
London Health Sciences Centre Fax: 519-663-3858 Email: kidneytransplantreferral@lhsc.on.ca	Unity Health Toronto – St. Michael's Fax: 416-867-7418 Email: kidneytransplantreferrals@smh.ca
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Fax: 905-521-6189	University Health Network Fax (Kidney): 416-340-5209 Fax (Pancreas): 416-340-4340 Email: Kidneytransplantreferral@uhn.ca

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REFERRAL INFORMATION

Referring MD _____ Contact #: _____
Primary Contact: _____ Postal Code: _____
Referring Centre: _____ Date submitted: _____
Referral Form submitted to: _____

Medically Urgent Referral if yes, please indicate reason:

Lack of dialysis access Uremic cardiomyopathy Uremic Neuropathy Other: _____

Combined Kidney Pancreas Assessment Request: Yes No

PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient Name: _____ Health Card #: _____
Date of Birth: mm / dd / yyyy Race: _____ Sex: Male Female
Interpreter Required?: Yes No If yes, what language? _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone #: _____ Patient Email: _____
GP Name: _____ GP Contact: _____

CLINICAL INFORMATION

ABO: ____ RH Factor: Positive Negative Height (m): ____ Weight (kg): ____ BMI: ____
Kidney Disease Diagnosis: _____

eGFR: ____ ml/min/1.73m² on mm / dd / yyyy OR Dialysis Start Date: mm / dd / yyyy
Type of Dialysis: _____ Dialysis Schedule: _____
Current Dialysis Unit: _____ Dialysis Access Mode: _____

Patient has received blood transfusion: Yes No

If yes, number of times: _____ Date of most recent blood transfusion: _____

Does patient have Potential Living Donor(s): Yes No

Previous Transplant: Yes No

Potential Donor's Relationship to Patient: _____

Previous Living Donor: Yes No

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REQUIRED MEDICAL HISTORY, LABORATORY AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

All test results must be **less than one year old**, unless otherwise specified. Please check off each box to indicate that you have included the test results.

Medical History

- Letter from referring nephrologist
- Current list of all patient medications

Cancer screening as per [Cancer Care Ontario](#) guidelines:

- Pap test every 3 years for anyone with a cervix who has ever been sexually active
- Mammogram every 2 years
- Colon cancer screening with fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) every 2 years

General Laboratory Testing

- ABO blood group determination
- AST, ALT, ALKP
- Electrolytes, Bicarbonate
- Calcium, Phosphate
- Urea, Creatinine
- Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
- Albumin, Total Protein
- HgbA1C
- Bilirubin
- Cholesterol/Triglyceride/HDL/LDL
- CBC
- PTH
- INR, PTT

Cardiac Assessment

- ECG (12-Lead)
- Echocardiogram

Infectious Disease and Virology Testing

- CMV IgG
- HTLV1 and HTLV2
- EBV IgG
- Hepatitis C antibody
- VZV antibody
- Hepatitis B Core Antibody (HBcAb)
- Tuberculosis skin test or equivalent
- Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg)
- Syphilis (VDRL)
- Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (HBsAb) *If patient is a non-responder, ensure that the patient has had 2 full series of vaccinations and is still non-reactive.*
- HIV serology
- Measles, Mumps, & Rubella

Other Tests

- Chest x-ray (PA and lat)
- Complete Abdominal/Renal ultrasound

ADDITIONAL TESTS

The following tests are required within 60 days of referral date and will be needed prior to determining suitability for transplant listing. Please send as soon as possible.

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Attach if available and/or clinically significant:

- Social Work Assessment
- Renal biopsy
- Routine urinalysis
- Urine culture and sensitivity – *if still passing urine*
- Sickle Cell Screen - *For Black patients or patients with genetic origins in the Eastern Mediterranean or Indian subcontinent*
- Coronary Angiogram
- Cardiac perfusion testing (Exercise ECG/MIBI) - *For patients with heart failure, or angina, or diabetes, or BMI>34m or age >40 years with at least 3 of the following risks: increased cholesterol, smoker, hypertension, family history, BMI>30.*
- HBV DNA - *if HBcAb or HBsAg positive*
- HepC RNA test - *if Hep C positive*
- Other relevant consults, please specify:

Additional Tests for Paediatric Patients Only (<18 years):

- Immunization record
- Bone Age

Additional Tests for Pancreas Patients Only:

- C-peptide
- Cardiac perfusion testing

Attach if available and/or clinically significant:

- Audiogram – *if <6 years*
- EEG – *if <6 years or history of seizures*
- Growth Curves (head circumference) - *if <6 years*
- ENT consult

- Other relevant consults, please specify: