

Policies and Procedures

Transplant Department

TITLE: KIDNEY LISTING CRITERIA

- I. PURPOSE:
To appropriately identify transplant candidates for listing on the UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing) kidney waitlist in keeping with UNOS guidelines.
- II. POLICY:
Each potential candidate for kidney transplant is assessed by the Transplant Listing Committee using agreed upon criteria for acceptance as a transplant candidate. All individuals are treated equally, regardless of age, race, color, creed or national origin.
- III. LISTING CRITERIA – Relative/Absolute Contraindications:
 1. Relative Contraindications:
 - a. Advanced age combined with poor health status
 - b. Lack of appropriate social support
 - c. Inability to maintain professional relationships with transplant staff
 - d. History of illicit drug use and substance abuse
 - e. Advanced cardiopulmonary disease
 - f. History of malignancy
 - g. BMI > 40
 - h. Tobacco use without evidence of cessation
 - i. Psychosocial contraindications
 - j. Inability to comply with transplant center’s policies and procedures through transplant phases
 - k. Pre-frail
 - l. Current active autoimmune disease (e.g. Lupus, Goodpasture’s Syndrome, Wegener’s Granulomatosis)
 - m. COVID-19
 2. Absolute Contraindications:
 - a. Active infection
 - b. Active malignancy
 - c. Non-compliance with medical management
 - d. Active substance abuse
 - e. Irreversible pulmonary hypertension
 - f. Required COVID-19 Vaccination (unless medically contraindicated) All contraindications will be reviewed by transplant team (surgeons, nephrologist and pharmacy).

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