

Kidney Transplant Referral Criteria

Please see the criteria below for referring patients for kidney transplantation at our center. Note that a patient who meets referral criteria may not necessarily meet selection criteria for transplant. Upon referral, our center will evaluate each patient for their suitability for kidney transplantation. **If you are unsure if a patient meets referral criteria, please feel free to call and ask to speak to a pre-kidney patient care coordinator.**

Prior to referral, we strongly encourage patients to attend a kidney transplant education class in person (Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri at 12:00-1:00 pm) at our center and then discuss with their nephrologist if transplant is an option for them. Alternatively if living abroad, patients can watch the *Kidney Transplant Education Video* accessible from our website www.queenstransplantcenter.org. Note that if language interpretation is needed, a referral is required to schedule the patient for class.

Referral Accepted for Review	
GFR	Less than or equal to 25 (or any history of) <i>[Note that patient cannot accrue waiting time until GFR is 20 mL/min or less.]</i>
Psychiatric Illness	Stability with psychiatric illness, if present
Nonadherence	Improved adherence to therapeutic regimens if have a history of nonadherence
Cardiac Guidelines	Heart failure is controlled, if present; CABG or bare metal stent placement at least 6 months ago, if applicable; Drug eluding or bioresorbable stent at least 12 months ago, if applicable.

Referral Not Accepted	
GFR	Greater than 25
BMI	35 or greater
Cancer	Active cancer
Tobacco	Active tobacco use
Substance use	Active use of drugs of abuse; Marijuana use without a valid current certification from certifying provider
Psychiatric Illness	Current severe impairment
Nonadherence	Current nonadherence to therapeutic regimens, i.e., missed/shortened dialysis treatments, no show to medical appointments, or dietary and/or medication nonadherence
Cardiac Guidelines	Non-correctable CAD; Significant untreated arrhythmias; Uncontrolled/worsening/new onset heart failure; LVEF of less than or equal to 35%; CABG or bare metal stent placement less than 6 months ago; Drug eluding or bioresorbable stent less than 12 months ago; Current home oxygen use for pulmonary HTN, heart or lung disease.
Financial	No active health insurance coverage or inability to private pay