

Kidney transplant

selection criteria

With Status 7

Our unique combination of a responsibly aggressive organ acceptance rate and high rates of patient survival has made Piedmont Transplant Institute (PTI) a national leader in kidney transplantation.

We assess each patient individually but do apply the following guidelines:

INDICATIONS

- Chronic Kidney Disease with GFR less than or equal to 20ml/min or on dialysis
- Mentally competent
- Desires a Kidney Transplant
- Candidates are 18 years of age or older

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Absolute Contraindications

- Severe chronic lung disease
- Significant, nonreversible cardiac disease
- Uncontrolled diabetes with HbA1c greater than 9
- Uncontrolled HIV (positive viral load)
- Unstable major psychiatric disorders
- Inability to understand risks of transplant and care for self afterward (informed consent) without adequate domestic support
- Nicotine (smoking or vaping) use in the setting of:
 - » Coronary Artery Disease
 - » Peripheral Vascular Disease
 - » Chronic Lung Disease
- Active substance abuse (other than alcohol and marijuana)
- Chronic alcohol or marijuana use in the setting of:
 - » Dependence/addiction
 - » Adverse effects on health
 - » Moderate-severe psychiatric disease or history of noncompliance that will make it difficult to adhere to a post-transplant regimen
- Marijuana smoking in setting of:
 - » Chronic Lung Disease
 - » Hypotension requiring midodrine or other agents
 - » Coronary Artery Disease
 - » Peripheral Vascular Disease: ischemic stroke, prior amputation, vascular angioplasty/stenting bypass (renal or lower extremity arteries), carotid disease by US, carotid endarterectomy

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

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Relative Contraindications

- 75 years of age or greater
- Active malignancy, or incompletely treated malignancy (excluding nonmelanoma skin cancers)
- History of complex malignancies
- Active infection
- Active immunologic disease
- BMI greater than 45 (determination of eligibility will be based on additional criteria reviewed by the transplant team)
- Advanced Liver Disease (unless patient considered for combined Liver/Kidney Transplant)
- Advanced vascular disease
- Midodrine need
- Use of a Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or dual antiplatelet therapy in a candidate not willing to accept blood products (use of warfarin may be permitted if candidate is willing to accept fresh frozen plasma [FFP])
- Evidence of previous substance abuse, abstinent less than 6 months
- Nicotine use (smoking, vaping, smokeless with diabetes/ comorbidities)
- Marijuana use
- Debility/mobility with poor rehabilitation potential
- Frailty
- Psychiatric disorder, mild to moderate
- Dementia or severe cognitive disorder
- Noncompliance
- Incomplete work up
- Inability to form therapeutic relationship with care team
- Inability to manage a complex regimen
- Financial/social support issues that make it unlikely that the patient will be able to sustain successful transplantation
- Probation, unresolved criminal charges or pending criminal investigations
- Incarceration

STATUS 7 CRITERIA

Status 7 will be initiated, or the patient's status may be changed, if one or more of the following circumstances are present:

Indications

- BMI equal or greater than 45 (determination of eligibility will be based on additional criteria reviewed by the transplant team)
- Mandatory need for new cardiac testing
- Mandatory need for new medical testing
- Significant change in medical status
- Nonverifiable insurance or need for new insurance authorization
- Reversible psychosocial barrier

If you have any questions, or for more information,
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