

Erlanger Kidney Transplant Center Criteria

Inclusion Criteria:

End Stage Renal Disease as defined by one of the following:

- A creatinine clearance less than 20ml/min or on dialysis

Exclusion Criteria:

• Absolute contraindications:

- History of invasive malignancy (excluding in situ lesions) treated within the two years prior to evaluation, except non-melanoma skin cancer and certain incidental renal cell carcinomas
- Melanoma history other than stage 1 or less
- Uncontrolled major psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar or major depression with psychosis
- Inability to care for self after transplantation or without adequate support systems
- Advanced, non-reconstructable vascular disease (i.e. uncorrectable coronary or peripheral vascular disease)
- Disseminated systemic infection (i.e. HIV, current TB, active Hepatitis, Nocardia, or fungal infection)
- Advanced liver disease
- Active renal disease with an unreasonably high chance of recurrence until disease markers indicate quiescence
- Active alcohol or substance abuse, excluding tobacco.
- Ischemic cardiomyopathy with ejection fraction <20%
- Pulmonary disease with FEV1 <1.0 and/or home supplemental oxygen therapy
- Dependence on nursing home or other long-term care provider
- Inability to complete the transplant evaluation
- Communication that the patient does not want to pursue transplantation currently
- Comorbid conditions that would preclude long term organ survival
- HIV if not within guidelines
- A creatinine clearance greater than 20ml/min
- Immunization Needed

• Relative Contraindications

- Age > 70 years, with candidacy determined on an individualized basis, based on the overall health status of the candidate
- Less than age 18
- Severe chronic lung disease or uncompensated pulmonary dysfunction
- Pulmonary hypertension with pulmonary artery systolic pressure >60mm/Hg unless enhanced cardiology clearance
- Heart failure with left ventricular ejection fraction less than 30%
- Absence of financial resources to support transplant and/or post-transplant follow-up (i.e. medications, living expenses, transportation, and medical care)
- Tobacco use in the setting of:
 - Type I Diabetes Mellitus
 - Coronary Artery Disease
 - Peripheral Vascular Disease
 - Chronic Lung Disease
- Evidence of previous substance abuse abstinence less than 6 months
- Significant cognitive impairment or physical limitation without reliable caregiver
- Resources deemed inadequate to support the necessary post-transplant care

- Candidates that have a higher than acceptable surgical risk
- Body mass index greater than 40
- Significant history of noncompliance