

**Patient Selection Criteria**

1. ***Absolute contraindications to kidney transplantation include, but are not limited to:***
   1. Presence of active malignancy/high risk of recurrence
   2. Advanced non-reconstructable abdominal/pelvic vascular disease
   3. Severe pulmonary dysfunction
      1. Patient on home oxygen
      2. Advanced pulmonary disease, such as IPF/COPD, with <80% 1-year survival
   4. Disseminated infection (including AIDS, current tuberculosis, fungal infection, systemic sepsis)
   5. BMI >45
   6. Untreated or uncontrolled major psychiatric illness, including major depression, schizophrenia, or bipolar disorder
   7. Pregnancy
   8. Symptomatic or severe coronary artery disease not amenable to surgical treatment or PTCA.
   9. Active substance abuse (including but not limited to heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine)
   10. Patients currently serving time for a criminal conviction, either imprisoned and/or pending sentencing. These patients require lifetime immunosuppression, intense monitoring, and specialized health maintenance, and due to their environmental constraints will be unable to maintain the proper care of their transplant.
2. ***Relative contraindications (3 or more deems candidates ineligible)***
   1. Candidates who demonstrate non-compliance with their current medical care will be considered if their non-compliance is corrected.
   2. Substance abuse within the last 6 months
   3. SIPAT >40
   4. Advanced cardiovascular risk (2 or more of the following)
      1. Ejection fraction <45-50%
      2. Cardiac Index <3L/min/m²
      3. Multi-vessel disease (>3-vessel disease)
      4. Myocardial infarct within past 6 months
   5. Consideration of comorbid illnesses such as coronary artery disease, neurological conditions, frailty, malnutrition, etc (as determined by transplant MD)
   6. BMI >40 but less than 45
   7. Infectious History
      1. HIV Infection
         1. HIV positive recipients must be compliant with anti-retroviral therapy, viral load undetectable, CD4 count acceptable per Infectious Disease transplant physician, and no history of HIV associated opportunistic infections or malignancies.
         2. Patients should be referred to UMMC Infectious Disease for clearance prior to listing.
      2. Hepatitis B- or C-infected recipients will be considered if the infection is under control and there is minimal liver injury or dysfunction.
   8. Inadequate financial resources
3. ***Potential Living Donor Only Candidates*** 
   1. **Age 70-74**:
      1. Poor functional status and/or multiple co morbidities
   2. **Age 75-78:**
      1. New to dialysis- - <2 years dialysis/wait time
      2. Poor functional status
      3. Multiple Co-morbidities
   3. > 79 LD only or NAC