

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 (Thursdays or Fridays 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.queens.org/transplant. 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

Referral Not Accepted	
GFR	Greater than 25
BMI	Greater than 38 for kidney, and 35 for pancreas/kidney-pancreas
Nicotine/Tobacco	Active (within past 60 days) nicotine/tobacco use
Substance use	Active use (within past 60 days) of drugs of abuse; Marijuana use without a valid current certification from certifying provider
Oxygen use	Current home oxygen use (continuous or as needed)
Financial	No active health insurance coverage or inability to private pay