

Methodist University Hospital Kidney Transplant Selection Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

- End Stage Renal Disease - defined as:
 - A decline in creatinine clearance to less than 20 cc/minute or
 - A creatinine clearance between 20-30 with significant symptoms or
 - Progressive renal dysfunction where decline in clearance is predictable (eg) diabetic nephropathy or symptomatic nephropathy with suitable living donor available along with 1 or 2 above.

Exclusion Criteria

- Medical
 - Body Mass Index <40
 - Untreated Malignancy
 - MI within 6 months and/or angina at rest
 - Advanced, non-reconstructable vascular disease
 - Uncompensated pulmonary dysfunction
 - Disseminated systemic infection (i.e. AIDS, current TB, aspergillosis)
 - Disabling, uncorrectable autonomic neuropathies
 - Pregnancy
 - Active renal disease with unreasonably high chance of recurrence (eg) active lupus, until disease markers indicate quiescence
- Conditions for Individual Consideration
 - HIV + without evidence of AIDS
 - Recently resected or treated malignancy
 - Age > 75
- Psychosocial
 - Untreated or uncontrolled major psychiatric illness
 - Non-rehabilitated substance abuse
- Financial
 - Uninsured patients or underinsured patients will be handled on a case by case basis. Information on fundraising as needed will be provided to the patients as requested.
- Statement of Non-discrimination
 - Decision to place patients on wait list will not be influenced by race, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation.