

Staff Guidance for Patient Kidney Transplant Interest Form

Studies show that kidney transplant improves both the survival rate and quality of life of ESRD patients as compared to dialysis. Transplant centers use a multidisciplinary approach involving the transplant surgeons and physicians, coordinators, social workers, financial counselors, nutritionists, psychologists, referring physicians, and the patients to decide who is a candidate for transplant.

Use the Kidney Transplant Interest Form to identify potential transplant candidates in your clinic. Review with the physician and then refer accordingly. Transplant Programs typically like to hear from the patient themselves early in the process, so you may give the contact information to the patient and follow up to see if they've contacted the Transplant Program, or sit down and call with them at the chairside.

Advocate Christ Medical Center

Phone: (708) 684-7100

Lurie Children's Hospital (Pediatrics only)

Phone: (800) 543-7362

Loyola University Medical Center

Phone: (888) 584-7888

Memorial Medical Center (Springfield)

Phone: (888) 864-9433

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Phone: (312) 695.0828

Rush University Medical Center

Phone: (312) 942-4252

OSF St. Francis Medical Center (Peoria)

Phone: (309) 655-3781

University of Chicago Medicine

Phone: (888) 824-0200

University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago

Phone: (312) 996-6771

University of Wisconsin Health (Madison, WI)

Phone: (608) 263-9531

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center (I am a veteran)

Phone: (312) 569-8387 ext. 56960

Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital (I am a veteran)

Phone: (708) 202-8387 ext. 22783

If a patient states they are not interested in Kidney Transplant at this time, and they do not have absolute contraindications for surgery, approach them again within the next 90 days to follow up. Circumstances can change! If you are not sure if they are medically ineligible for transplant, refer them and let the transplant center decide!

For more information and guidance about transplant referral, please consider visiting the following helpful websites:

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network](http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov)
optn.transplant.hrsa.gov
- [Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network](http://www.giftofhope.org)
www.giftofhope.org
- [Qsource ESRD Network 10: The Renal Network](http://www.therenalnetwork.org)
www.therenalnetwork.org

