

Kidney and/or Pancreas 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 watch the *Kidney Transplant Education Video* accessible from our website www.queens.org/transplant. This video will provide patients with information about the overall transplant process. After the video, we recommend that patients discuss with their nephrologist if transplant is an option for them. Note that if language interpretation is needed, a referral is required to schedule the patient for class with an interpreter.

Referral Accepted for Review	
<u>Kidney</u> : Race neutral eGFR	Less than or equal to 25 (or any history of) <i>[Note that patient cannot accrue waiting time until race neutral eGFR is 20 or less.]</i>
<u>Pancreas</u> : Diabetes	Diagnosed with diabetes or pancreatic exocrine insufficiency and is on insulin
Mental Health Disorder	Documented mental health stability
Nonadherence history	Improved adherence to prescribed plan of care. Documentation of improved adherence must be included with referral.
Cardiac Conditions	Heart failure controlled and managed by cardiology, ejection fraction >40% Coronary artery disease – stable Cardiac arrhythmias/pacemakers/defibrillators – stable and managed by cardiology

Referral Not Accepted	
Race neutral eGFR	Greater than 25
BMI	Greater than 38 for kidney, and 35 for pancreas/kidney-pancreas
Substance use disorder	Active substance use or within past 60 days. Marijuana use without a valid current medical 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