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HIGHLY SENSITIZED PATIENT-RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A CLINICAL GUIDELINE

Purpose

The Highly Sensitized Patient (HSP) registry identifies transplant opportunities for patients who are waiting for a kidney transplant and who are highly sensitized to HLA antigens. This document describes the recipient eligibility requirements for participating in the Canadian Transplant Registry (CTR)-HSP registry.

1.0 Recipient Eligibility Criteria

In order for the recipient to be registered into the HSP registry, the following criteria must be met:

- 1.1 The recipient must be undergoing regularly scheduled hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis.
- 1.2 The recipient must be wait- listed for a kidney transplant in a Canadian transplant centre.
- 1.3 The recipient must have a calculated panel reactive antibody (cPRA) value of greater than or equal to 95%.

Note: The National Kidney Registry Advisory Committee will review the appropriateness of the cPRA cut-off on an annual basis and it may be adjusted if necessary based on the review findings.

- 1.4 There is no minimum or maximum age eligibility criterion.

2.0 Citizenship and Residency Requirements

In addition to 1.0 Recipient Eligibility Criteria, the recipient must:

- 2.1 Be a Canadian citizen residing in a province or territory and is eligible under that provincial or territorial legislation, to receive publicly funded health services in or through that province or territory, or
- 2.2 An individual who has been granted permanent resident status by Citizenship and Immigration Canada; and holds a current permanent resident card and resides in Canada; and is eligible under provincial or territorial legislation of the province or territory of residence to receive publicly funded health services in or through that jurisdiction; or

- 2.3 A Canadian citizen who is residing outside of Canada who is eligible for publicly funded health services in a Canadian province or territory; and has been wait-listed in a Canadian transplant centre.
 - 2.3.1 The transplant centre must ensure that required travel arrangements are in place prior to listing.
- 2.4 Out-of-country foreign nationals are not eligible to participate in the HSP registry.

3.0 Participation in International Registries

- 3.1 Canadian citizens and permanent residents who have received approval by their respective provincial or territorial government for out-of-country health services specific to participating in an International HSP registry, are also eligible to be registered in the CTR-HSP.
 - 3.1.1 The international registry listing should be noted in the individual's record. If the individual is identified for transplant through a foreign registry, they must be immediately inactivated in the CTR-HSP.

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V1.3	2014-05-23	1.4 “The recipient must be at least 6 years of age. There is no maximum age eligibility criterion” changed to “There is no minimum or maximum age criterion”
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References
<p>NKRAC Meeting Minutes, 2010-10-7,8 (LDPE Eligibility review)</p> <p>NKRAC Meeting Minutes, 2011-10-14</p> <p>NKRAC Meeting Minutes 2012-04-13</p> <p>ODTEAC June 2012 Minutes</p> <p>ODTEAC January 2013 Minutes</p> <p>Canadian Highly Sensitized Patient and Living Donor Paired Exchange Registries: Task Force Discussion Document (October 2005)</p> <p>Assessment and Management of Immunologic Risk in Transplantation. A Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation Consensus Forum Report and Recommendations (January 2005)</p> <p>Kidney Allocation in Canada: A Canadian Forum Report and Recommendations (February 2007)</p>