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| **TITLE:** Emory Transplant Center Kidney/Pancreas Fast Track Admission Protocol | |
| **APPLICABLE FACILITIES:** (check all that apply)  □EUH **□**EUOSH □EWWH □EUHM □EJCH □ESJH □TEC □ESA □ERH | |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE:** | **ORIGINATION DATE:** |

**SCOPE:**

The Emory Transplant Center Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Program manages a large active wait list for kidney/pancreas transplantation and keeping these patients medically ready for transplant has numerous logistical and clinical challenges, which increase the chances for delayed transplantation.

**PURPOSE:** The Emory Kidney Transplant Program is committed to caring for patients waiting for a deceased donor kidney/pancreas transplant. The protocol below provides a clinical guideline for discerning which patients might be candidates for an expedited inpatient workup to facilitate deceased donor transplantation and alleviate unnecessary time on the wait list. Availability of deceased donor organs is often unpredictable and time sensitive. More patients medically ready for transplantation will potentially minimize organ discard and increase rates of organ acceptance and transplantation. The outcome of the fast track admission may be that the patient is not ready for transplant despite the expedited workup, but critical outpatient testing and consultations will have been identified quicker, potentially shortening waiting time and increasing access to transplantation.

**GUIDELINES:** The following criteria are intended for the transplant provider on call and the organ placement program team member **upon notification of a kidney or kidney/pancreas offer**.

**Inclusion criteria for fast track admission:**

* **The patient has an incomplete updated medical workup for immediate transplantation.**
* **Any deceased donor offer (local, regional or national)** is eligible if it otherwise meets current criteria for transplantation (as outlined in the deceased donor kidney/pancreas acceptance criteria protocol).
* **A candidate (for now we will limit this procedure to one patient admitted as a fast track at any one time)** should be considered for every local or regional offer until transplant ready patients are identified.
* **The candidate(s) may or may not be primary** on match run
  + The candidate is eligible regardless of how many provisional yeses are ahead
  + Even if no donor OR has been set.
* The candidate(s) can get to Emory University Hospital Admissions **within 2 hours.**
* **At least 16 hours are available before transplant reperfusion must happen (ideally these are pre-clamp offers)** 
  + Kidney transplants should generally undergo reperfusion within 24-36 hours after crossclamp
  + Pancreas transplants should generally undergo reperfusion within 24 hours after crossclamp
  + Reperfusion is generally within 2-3 hours from the recipient OR start time.
* **Current time** is between Monday at 4AM and Friday at 2AM.
* **The financial status** of the patient is confirmed active; if necessary consult the transplant financial coordinator for financial status.
* The following criteria are met regarding outstanding tests and consultations:
  + **Less than or equal to 3 tests are currently outstanding:**

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| **Tests OK for fast track admission:** | **Tests NOT for fast track admission:** |
| * Transthoracic echocardiogram * Nuclear stress test * Non-contrast CT of the chest or abdomen/pelvis * Ultrasound: Thyroid, Carotid, etc. | * Cardiac catheterization (right or left) * GI procedures (e.g. upper endoscopy or colonoscopy) * IR procedures (e.g. hepatic vein pressure measurements) * GYN procedures (e.g. pap smear) * Oncology surgeries * Urology surgeries |

* + **One consult beyond transplant surgery and transplant nephrology is outstanding:**

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| **Consults OK for fast track admission:** | **Consults NOT for fast track admission:** |
| * Cardiology * Hepatology * Hematology * Neurology * Oral surgery * Dermatology | * Social Work * Pulmonary * CT surgery * Urology * Medical Oncology * Surgical Oncology |

**RELATED DOCUMENT(S)/LINK(S):**

**DEFINITIONS:** *(If applicable)*

**REFERENCES AND SOURCES OF EVIDENCE:**

**KEY WORDS:**

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