Name of Policy: **Psychosocial Evaluation of Potential** THE UNIVERSITY OF **Transplant Candidate Policy Number:** 3364-140-04 **Department:** Kidney Transplant Administration (Nursing Service) Approving Chief Nursing Officer Officer: Director, Renal Transplant Program Responsible Transplant Coordinator/Transplant **Effective Date**: 11/1/2021 Agent: Social Worker Initial Effective Date: December 14, Scope: The University of Toledo Medical 2007 Center New policy proposal Minor/technical revision of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

Major revision of existing policy

All potential renal transplant candidates will have a psychosocial evaluation prior to being placed on the UNOS transplant waiting list.

Reaffirmation of existing policy

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure that all potential renal transplant candidates receive a psychosocial evaluation by a qualified health care professional prior to placement on the transplant waiting list.

(C) Procedure

- 1. Psychosocial evaluations of potential renal transplant candidates may be completed by licensed social workers, psychologists or psychiatrists.
- 2. Psychosocial evaluations will be done on all renal transplant candidates prior to placement on the renal transplant waiting list and on their annual re-evaluation.
 - a. Psychosocial evaluation will address the following:
 - 1) Social, personal, housing, vocational, financial and environmental support.
 - 2) Coping abilities and strategies (including bereavement)
 - 3) Understanding of the risks and benefits of transplantation
 - 4) Ability to adhere to a therapeutic regimen
 - 5) Mental health history, including substance or alcohol use or abuse and how it may impact the success or failure of organ transplantation.

- 3. Psychosocial evaluations may be done at any time after listing a patient if a concern is voiced by the patient's dialysis unit, nephrologist, primary care physician or another health care professional involved in their care or a concerned family member.
- 4. If a transplant candidate requires referrals to outside agencies in regard to psychosocial issues, those referrals will be initiated by the transplant social worker or transplant coordinator. Follow up on referrals will be done by whoever initiated the referral and follow up information will be documented in the medical record.

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