


<p><b>Name of Policy:</b> Immediate Post-Operative Follow-Up of Transplant Patients by the Renal Transplant Coordinator</p> <p><b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-140-07</p> <p><b>Department:</b> Kidney Transplant Administration (Nursing Service)</p> <p><b>Approving Officer:</b> Associate Vice President/ Associate Executive Director Director, Renal Transplant Program Administrative Director, Renal Transplant Program</p> <p><b>Responsible Agent:</b> Transplant Coordinator</p> <p><b>Scope:</b> The University of Toledo Medical Center</p>	 <p><b>Effective Date:</b> January 12, 2010 Initial Effective Date: January 5, 1982</p>
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**(A) Policy Statement**

The Transplant Coordinator shall see each transplant recipient each day that she is on duty, from day of transplant to day of discharge.




**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To provide the patient with continuity of care, to facilitate discharge planning and patient education, and to act as liaison with the physicians and to be available to assist the patient.

**(C) Procedure**

1. The Transplant Coordinator will make rounds on a regular basis on the Renal Unit, reviewing the charts, seeing the patients, and identifying patient needs.
2. The Transplant Coordinator will facilitate multidisciplinary rounds on hospitalized recipients, interacting with all members of the transplant team to enhance communication related to the plan of care and documenting rounds in the patient record.
3. The Transplant Coordinator will assist in the care and/or teaching of the patients as is indicated.
4. Prior to discharge, the Transplant Coordinator reviews all aspects of home care with the patient, and if possible, his/her family. This discussion will include:
  - a. contact numbers of transplant program staff that should be contacted for questions.
  - b. Clinical signs and symptoms of when to call the doctor, monitoring for rejection
  - c. a plan for addressing relevant psychosocial issues; if applicable
  - d. Activity restrictions and limitation
  - e. Need for coordination of other health services; if applicable
  - f. Medications and administration including patients schedule for taking medications and how to obtain medications

- g. assistance required to access local medical care, equipment or support; if applicable
- h. necessity of follow up clinic/lab visits and medication
- i. documentation is done on the multidisciplinary patient education form/progress notes.

<p><b>Approved by:</b></p> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">   <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/>                 Norma Tomlinson, RN, MSN, NE-BC                  Associate Vice President                  Associate Executive Director             </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">   <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/>                 Michael Rees, MD                  Director, Renal Transplant Program             </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">   <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/>                 Steven Selman, MD                  Administrative Director, Renal Transplant Program             </div> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed By: Transplant Coordinator</i></p>	<p><b>Review/Revision Date:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">11/83</td> <td style="width: 50%;">1/9/2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/86</td> <td>1/12/2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/87</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/88</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1989</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/90</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/92</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/93</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/94</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/95</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6/97</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/98</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>8/02</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/05</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/07</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/07</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Next Review Date:</b> 1/1/2013</p>	11/83	1/9/2009	2/86	1/12/2010	10/87		11/88		1989		7/90		3/92		4/93		5/94		3/95		6/97		10/98		2/00		8/02		7/05		2/07		12/07	
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