


Name of Policy:	<u>Dialysis Facility Communication</u>	 Effective Date: January 12, 2010 Initial Effective Date: December 27, 2007
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(A) Policy Statement




The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) transplant department will have ongoing communications with all dialysis facilities associated with patients on the transplant program's waiting list.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To continue ongoing/open communication.

(C) Procedure

1. All communications between potential transplant patients or listed patients and Transplant Coordinator will be documented in the patient chart.
2. UTMC transplant program will provide ongoing communication with the patient's local dialysis facility regarding significant issues such as:
 - a. Changes in key personnel in the transplant program
 - b. Changes to key policies in the transplant program
 - c. Changes in a patient's health status, such as infections, increase in the severity of heart disease that could affect suitability for transplant, or death
 - d. The status of patients who have special stipulations for transplantation such as cardiac work up or weight loss
 - e. Changes in the center's transplant patient selection criteria

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