


Name of Policy: <u>PRA - Panel Reactive Antibodies-Screening and Crossmatches</u>	 <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO 1872</p> <p>Effective Date: January 1, 2024 Initial Effective Date: June 15, 1990</p>
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Department: Kidney Transplant Administration (Nursing Service)	
Approving Officer: Associate VP Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer Director, Renal Transplant Program	
Responsible Agent: Transplant Coordinator	
Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center	
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(A) Policy Statement

Blood will be drawn on a monthly basis from all persons on the deceased donor kidney waiting list or patients having a pending living donor kidney transplant.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To assure that the histocompatibility lab has fresh serum on all potential recipients for screening for panel reactive antibodies and for use in screening crossmatches at the time a donor organ becomes available.

(C) Procedure

1. Once a patient is listed as a transplant candidate, monthly serum drawn at the dialysis center is sent to the histocompatibility lab at UTMC. If the patient is not yet on dialysis, blood will be drawn in the UTMC Outpatient Laboratory or if living outside the area, mailers will be sent to the patient to have them filled at a local lab and mailed back to the UTMC tissue typing lab.
2. The blood is screened for panel reactive antibodies on a monthly basis.
3. The blood is also used to do screening crossmatches with deceased donor kidneys.
 - a. A sera sample collected within the past 30 days may be considered as the final crossmatch PROVIDED that the patient has not had any immunologically stimulating events in the past 30 days. The Coordinator on-call for organ offers must ask the recipient if they have been transfused, vaccinated, been pregnant, or had a miscarriage in the past 30 days. If the patient has had an immunologically stimulating event, the patient will need to be placed on HOLD for 2 weeks on the UNOS waiting list. The patient will need to have an updated PRA sample drawn 2 weeks after the event before being eligible for reactivation on the list.
 - b. If the recipient does have new or current potential donor specificities on their watch list, Tissue Typing may determine, in certain donor organ offers, that the patient may need to

- report to UTMC for a fresh serum drawn at the time of the organ offer for the final crossmatch.
- c. Any recipient who does not meet the criteria listed in a or b, or whose most recent sera is greater than 30 days old must report to UTMC to have a fresh serum drawn for final crossmatch.
4. Each month the Histocompatibility Lab will inform the Renal Transplant Coordinator of those patients whose blood was not received. The Renal Transplant Coordinator will follow up with appropriate dialysis and physician office personnel.
 5. Screening crossmatches will not be done on serum more than six months old. The only exceptions are if the patient has submitted only one previous sample prior to crossmatching or by supervisor approval. This patient would have to come to UTMC and have fresh serum drawn for the final crossmatch. The original sample would be used as the screening sample, even if it is more than six months old.

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>_____ /s/ Kurt Kless MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC Chief Nursing Officer</p> <p>_____ Date</p> <p>_____ /s/ Michael Rees, MD, PhD Director, Renal Transplant Program</p> <p>_____ Date</p> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed By: Transplant Team Tissue Typing Department</i></p>	<p>Review/Revision Date:</p> <p>7/29/91 1/1/2019 4/93 6/19/2020 5/94 2/3/2021 3/95 11/14/2023 6/97 10/98 2/00 8/02 7/05 2/07 12/2007 1/9/2009 1/12/2010 01/23/2012 1/7/15 1/7/18</p> <p>Next Review Date: 1/1/2027</p>
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