


<p>Name of Policy: <u>Immunosuppressant Withdrawal After Loss of Renal Allograft</u></p> <p>Policy Number: 3364-140-36</p> <p>Department: Renal Transplant Program</p> <p>Approving Officer: Chief Nursing Officer Director, Renal Transplant Program</p> <p>Responsible Agent: Director, Renal Transplant Program, Administrative Director, Renal Transplant Program, Transplant Coordinator</p> <p>Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center</p>	 <p>Effective Date: May 1, 2021 Initial Effective Date: August 1, 2008</p>
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(A) Policy Statement

Patients who no longer have a functioning Renal Allograft will continue to be seen monthly in the Transplant or Nephrology Clinic until the patient goes back on dialysis or is completely off of immunosuppressant medications.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide continued monitoring and prevention of complications associated with immunosuppression until the patient is successfully tapered off of all immunosuppressant medications.

(C) Scope

This policy applies to members of the medical staff and UTMC Personnel involved in the renal transplantation programs of the University of Toledo.

(D) Procedure

- (1) Transplant Surgeon or Physician will notify the Transplant Coordinator when a patient loses function of his/her renal allograft.
- (2) If the physician feels it is appropriate, the physician will begin to taper the patient off of immunosuppression. The exact method of tapering will be at the discretion of the physician.
- (3) The Transplant Physician will instruct the patient on the importance of continued follow up and prevention of complications while still on immunosuppressant medications, as well as giving him/her written instructions at the clinic visit on signs and symptoms of rejection to report to the Transplant team.

