

**California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Social Security
Division 5. Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities,
Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies
Chapter 1. General Acute Care Hospitals
Article 6 Supplemental Services
Renal Transplant Center**

70605. Renal Transplant Center Definition.

Renal transplant center means a specialized unit of a hospital for the treatment of patients with end-stage renal disease who manifest the accumulation of excessive nitrogenous waste products. The scope of services offered is comprehensive and includes acute dialysis, renal transplantation and may include peritoneal dialysis or other means for removing toxic or excessive waste products from the blood.

70607. Renal Transplant Center General Requirements.

(a) Written policies and procedures shall be developed and maintained by the person responsible for the service in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and the administration. Policies shall be approved by the governing body. Procedures shall be approved by the administration and medical staff where such is appropriate.

(b) The responsibility and the accountability of the renal transplant center to the medical staff and administration shall be defined.

(c) The hospital shall:

(1) Perform a sufficient number of transplants per annum to demonstrate a capability to perform with high quality. Fifteen (15) transplants should be performed per annum.

(2) Offer both living related donor and cadaver donor transplant services.

(3) Contribute to a coordinated system of care by arrangements with other facilities providing care for patients with end-stage renal disease.

(4) Make renal transplant services available to patients with end-stage renal disease referred from facilities that do not provide renal transplant services.

(5) Participate in the development and use of a registry of prospective recipient patients.

(6) Participate in kidney procurement, preservation and transport program.

(7) Cooperate with other facilities for the timely transfer of medical data on patients with end-stage renal disease.

(d) There shall be a written hepatitis control program incorporating the recommendations of Report 33, January 1971, of the Hepatitis Surveillance Program of the Center for Disease Control, Public Health Services, Atlanta, GA 30333.

(e) There shall be in-service training and continuing education for all medical, nursing and other personnel.

(f) The particular requirements for renal transplant and acute dialysis patients shall be accommodated in the disaster and fire plans of the hospital.

(g) The hospital shall provide directly:

- (1) Inpatient acute dialysis.
- (2) Respiratory therapy.
- (3) Angiography.
- (4) Nuclear medicine.

(5) Twenty-four hour laboratory capability of performing, as a minimum, the following determinations: C.B.C., B.U.N., creatinine, platelet count, blood typing and cross matching, blood gas analysis, blood pH, electrolytes, serum glucose, coagulation tests, spinal fluid examination, and urinalysis.

(6) Immunofluorescence studies.

(h) The hospital shall provide directly or by arrangement:

- (1) Microbiological studies for rickettsiae, fungi, bacteria and viruses.
- (2) Electron microscopy.
- (3) Outpatient follow-up care of patients with renal transplants.
- (4) Tissue culture.
- (5) Tissue typing and immunologic testing.
- (6) Cadaver kidney preservation.
- (7) Chronic dialysis.

(i) Periodically, a committee of the medical staff shall evaluate the services provided and make appropriate recommendations to the executive committee of the medical staff and administration.

70609. Renal Transplant Center Staff.

(a) A physician shall have overall responsibility for the center. This physician shall be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Surgery, American Board of Urology, American Board of Internal Medicine or American Board of Pediatrics and shall have a minimum of one year's training or experience in the care of patients with renal transplantation.

(b) The surgeons performing the transplantation procedures shall be certified or eligible for board certification by the American Board of Surgery or American Board of Urology and shall have a least one year's training or experience in renal transplantation.

(c) Children (13 year of age or under) receiving transplant services shall be under the care of a physician who is certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pediatrics.

(d) Where appropriate, the hospital shall provide timely evaluation and consultation for its patients with renal transplants by the following specialists:

(1) Physician certified or eligible for certification in cardiology, endocrinology, hematology, or infectious disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

(2) A physician certified or eligible for certification in neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

(3) A physician certified or eligible for certification in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

(4) A physician certified or eligible for certification in orthopaedic surgery by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

(5) A physician certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pathology.

(6) A physician certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Urology.

(e) There shall be a registered nurse responsible for the nursing service who has had at least 12 months' general nursing experience or six months' experience in the care of patients with renal transplants.

(f) There shall be sufficient other licensed nurses and skilled personnel to provide the required patient care.

(g) A dietician shall provide diet management and counseling to meet the needs of patients with renal transplants.

(h) A social worker shall provide the social services and counseling needs of patients with renal transplants.

70611. Renal Transplant Center Equipment and Supplies.

(a) Equipment and supplies shall include at least the following if chronic dialysis is provided:

(1) A dialysis machine or equivalent (with appropriate monitoring equipment) for each bed or station.

(2) Dialysis equipment appropriate for pediatric patients, if treated.

(3) Cardiac monitoring equipment.

(4) Resuscitative equipment.

70613. Renal Transplant Center Space.

(a) There shall be a minimum of 10 square meters (110 square feet) of floor space per bed. Beds in the renal transplant center shall be included in the total licensed bed capacity of the hospital.

(b) The following areas shall be provided and maintained if chronic dialysis is provided:

(1) Patient waiting area.

(2) Conference room.

(3) Nurses' station.

(4) Isolation room.

(5) Segregated area for home dialysis training.

(6) Machine storage room.

(7) Supplies storage room.

(8) Utility room.