CRITERIA FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION

Candidacy:

Medical:
1. Initiation of dialysis therapy or kidney function of 20% or less (calculated or measured)
2. Infants (10kg) to adults (no age limit)
3. No evidence of cancer within two years (other than skin cancer)
4. No evidence of severe cardiac disease (cardiomyopathy, low ejection fraction or ischemic heart disease)
5. No evidence of severe pulmonary pathology
6. Hepatitis B and C without cirrhosis (evaluated by liver biopsy)
7. HIV infection on HAART therapy may qualify for a current study protocol

Psychosocial:
1. Ability to follow a complex medical regime of medication and post transplant follow up (compliance) by oneself or by an identified support person
2. Identified support system available
3. Coverage for medications
4. Transportation

Exclusions:
1. Active infections
2. Hepatitis B or C with documented cirrhosis on liver biopsy
3. HIV positive and not on HAART therapy
4. Evidence of current alcohol or substance abuse
5. Morbid obesity (BMI >35) – unless all vascular access has failed
6. Current psychiatric or psychological pathology

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