

Renal Autotransplant Program

This handout explains what you and your family can expect if you wish to have an evaluation for Renal Autotransplant at UW Health. Please note that the response times noted below may vary based on patient volume.

Review

After you have been referred by a provider or self-refer online at:

<https://www.uwhealth.org/treatments/renal-autotransplant>, you will be contacted with next steps. When we contact you, we may ask you to:

- Call UW Health Patient Registration at **608-261-1600** and update insurance and demographic information
- Set up a MyChart account

It is important to tell the program assistant when the above steps are complete. We will then contact you to set up a telephone screen. During the telephone screen, we will:

- Review the information that was shared on the referral form.
- Review health history.
- Decide what medical records are needed.

Once we receive necessary medical records, our team will meet to review your case.

After the review, the coordinator will follow-up with you to talk about next steps.

Evaluation

If you would like to have an evaluation at UW Health, the Renal Autotransplant financial coordinator will start to work with

your insurance to get approval. If insurance approves, we can schedule your evaluation.

An evaluation may include lab work, radiology testing and office visits with our team. This usually spans two days. A support person should accompany you during this time.

Waiting Period

If a renal autotransplant is recommended, and you wish to proceed with surgery, we can discuss a date for future surgery.

The Renal Autotransplant financial coordinator will again work with your insurance to get approval for surgery. If insurance approves surgery, the pre and postoperative appointments will be scheduled.

Surgery

You must come to the hospital the week of surgery for a preoperative appointment. This will include:

- Lab tests
- EKG
- History and physical
- Preoperative instructions

The day of surgery you will report to the First Day Surgery unit. After surgery, you will recover in a hospital room. You should plan to stay in the hospital for 5-7 days after surgery. A support person must be able to care for you from the time you leave the hospital until your first postoperative visit.

Follow up

Your postoperative visits are scheduled about 2 ½ weeks after surgery. Visits will include:

- Lab tests.
- An appointment in the Urology Clinic to remove a temporary stent that is placed during surgery.
- Appointments with members of the Renal Autotransplant team.
- Plan on a follow-up visit and lab monitoring at 3 months, 6 months and 1 year after surgery.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 4/2022. University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#8081